

House Bill 02 Testimony
Learn and Serve Homeland Security Grant
Program 06

The Office of Public Instruction was recently awarded a Learn and Serve Homeland Security Grant by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency. This federal grant will involve students in service learning, a strategy that combines community service with academic learning. The community service will assist schools and communities in emergency preparedness while providing Montana youth with leadership skills, academic learning, and knowledge of community needs and processes.

The State Superintendent requests an amendment to House Bill 2 that provides the Office of Public instruction with 1.0 FTE and the authority to spend \$127,000 each year of the biennium to administer the Learn and Serve Homeland Security Grant. The federal funds will be used to administer grants to schools and to provide training to educators. The effectiveness of this grant will be evaluated by outside evaluators as required by the grant.

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