

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATING TO HIGHER
5 EDUCATION; REVISING THE METHOD OF FUNDING FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND FOR THE
6 MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENTS TO UNITS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM;
7 PROVIDING TAX CREDITS FOR A PERCENTAGE OF TUITION PAYMENTS; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE
8 DATES AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Per student payments -- fund transfers.** (1) At the beginning of each
13 school year, the board of regents shall provide the department of administration with the number of students
14 enrolled in and attending each unit of the university system listed in 20-25-201.

15 (2) For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007, the department of administration shall transfer from the
16 state general fund to each unit of the university system an amount equal to \$3,530 times the number of students
17 reported pursuant to subsection (1). The fund transfers under this subsection may not exceed \$118,696,301 for
18 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. If the amounts calculated in this subsection exceed the amount available
19 for transfer, then the department shall prorate the transfers so that the limit is not exceeded.

20 (3) For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008, the department of administration shall transfer from the
21 state general fund to each unit of the university system an amount equal to \$3,642 times the number of students
22 reported pursuant to subsection (1). The fund transfers under this subsection may not exceed \$122,331,539 for
23 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. If the amounts calculated in this subsection exceed the amount available
24 for transfer, then the department shall prorate the transfers so that the limit is not exceeded.

25 (4) If a student transfers between units of the Montana university system, the unit that received a
26 payment for that student under subsection (2) or (3) shall transfer the appropriate percentage of the payment to
27 the unit to which the student transfers.

28 (5) The amounts transferred to each unit pursuant to this section are appropriated to that unit for the
29 operations of the unit.

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