

SENATE BILL NO. 335

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING A QUALITY EDUCATOR PAYMENT TO CERTIFIED
5 TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE MONTANA YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION
6 20-9-327, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 20-9-327, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"20-9-327. Quality educator payment.** (1) (a) The state shall provide a quality educator payment to:

- 12 (i) public school districts, as defined in 20-6-101 and 20-6-701;
13 (ii) special education cooperatives, as described in 20-7-451;
14 (iii) the Montana school for the deaf and blind, as described in 20-8-101; ~~and~~
15 (iv) state youth correctional facilities, as defined in 41-5-103; and
16 (v) the Montana youth challenge program.

17 (b) A special education cooperative that has not met the requirements of 20-7-453 and 20-7-454 may
18 not be funded under the provisions of this section except by approval of the superintendent of public instruction.

19 (2) (a) The quality educator payment for special education cooperatives must be distributed directly to
20 those entities by the superintendent of public instruction.

21 (b) The quality educator payment for the Montana school for the deaf and blind must be distributed to
22 the Montana school for the deaf and blind.

23 (c) The quality educator payment for Pine Hills and Riverside youth correctional facilities must be
24 distributed to those facilities by the department of corrections.

25 (d) The quality educator payment for the Montana youth challenge program must be distributed to that
26 program by the department of military affairs.

27 (3) The quality educator payment is \$2,000 times the number of full-time equivalent educators, as
28 reported to the superintendent of public instruction for accreditation purposes in the previous school year, each
29 of whom:

30 (a) holds a valid certificate under the provisions of 20-4-106 and is employed by an entity listed in

1 subsection (1) in a position that requires an educator license in accordance with the administrative rules adopted
2 by the board of public education; or

3 (b) (i) is a licensed professional under 37-8-405, 37-8-415, 37-11-301, 37-15-301, 37-23-201,
4 37-24-301, or 37-25-302; and

5 (ii) is employed by an entity listed in subsection (1) to provide services to students."

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7 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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