

HOUSE BILL NO. 421

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXPANDING THE RANGE OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO ADMINISTER ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 20-7-702 AND 20-7-712, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 20-7-702, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-7-702. Authorization to establish adult education program programs.** The trustees of a district or community college district may establish and operate an adult education program at any time of the day when facilities and personnel are available. An adult education program may provide both basic and secondary general education, K-12 career and ~~vocational/technical~~ technical education, vocational-technical education, American citizenship education, including courses in the English language and American history and government, or any other areas of instruction approved by the trustees."

**Section 2.** Section 20-7-712, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-7-712. Adult basic education fund and its distribution.** (1) To encourage adult basic education, the legislature may appropriate funds to the superintendent of public instruction for the support of adult basic education programs in any school district, community college district, ~~or accredited~~ tribal college, public library, community-based organization, or a consortium of those organizations located in Montana.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall direct the distribution of funds appropriated by the legislature for adult basic education. The trustees or authorized representative of any district or tribal college may apply to the superintendent for funds for its adult basic education ~~courses~~ program. The financial administration, ~~and accounting, and reporting~~ of adult basic education funds must ~~be the same as that of adult education~~ conform to policies established by the office of public instruction."

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