

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

INTRODUCED BY E. LIESER

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT RENAMING THE AGRICULTURE IN MONTANA SCHOOLS PROGRAM AS THE AGRICULTURE LITERACY IN MONTANA SCHOOLS PROGRAM; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-30-2388 AND 15-30-2389, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 15-30-2388, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-30-2388. Agriculture literacy in Montana schools program account -- administration. (1) There is an agriculture literacy in Montana schools program account in the state special revenue fund provided for in 17-2-102.

(2) All money collected under 15-30-2389 must be deposited in the account.

(3) Money in the account must be used by the department of agriculture to provide funding for developing and presenting, ~~through the joint efforts of the United States department of agriculture, educators at all levels, and representatives of agricultural organizations statewide and nationwide,~~ an educational program that will provide young people with a better understanding of the crucial role of agriculture in all aspects of society and of how Montana agriculture relates to the rest of the world. The educational program must be developed and presented through the joint efforts of the United States department of agriculture, educators at all levels, and representatives of state and national agricultural organizations."

Section 2. Section 15-30-2389, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-30-2389. Voluntary checkoff for agriculture literacy in Montana schools program. (1) Each individual taxpayer who is required to file an income tax return under Title 15, chapter 30, may contribute to the funding of the agriculture literacy in Montana schools program by marking an appropriate box on the state income tax return.

(2) The department shall include on each Montana state individual income tax return form a clear and conspicuous provision by which the taxpayer may indicate a contribution to the agriculture literacy in Montana



1 schools program. The contribution may be made from the amount to be refunded to the taxpayer or, if no refund
2 is due, must be in addition to the amount of tax required to be paid. The provision must be in substantially the
3 following form:

4 Check the appropriate blank if you wish to contribute ___ \$5, ___ \$10, ___ \$20, or ___ (specify an
5 amount) of your tax refund, or add such amount to your tax payment, to fund the agriculture literacy in Montana
6 schools program. If a joint return, check the appropriate blank if your spouse wishes to designate ___ \$5,
7 ___ \$10, ___ \$20, or ___ (specify an amount) for the same purpose.

8 (3) Money received under this section must be deposited in the agriculture literacy in Montana schools
9 program account established by 15-30-2388 after the department has deducted the amount necessary for the
10 department to administer this section as provided in 15-30-2386."

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