

HOUSE BILL NO. 86

INTRODUCED BY J. O'HARA

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. State-level strengthening career and technology student organizations.** (1) There is a state-level strengthening career and technology student organizations program.

(2) The purposes of the program are to:

(a) strengthen Montana's career and technology student organizations by increasing graduation rates, enhancing student leadership opportunities, developing workforce skills, and facilitating transitions to postsecondary education and employment for all participating students;

(b) ensure alignment of activities of local career and technology student organizations with nationally affiliated programs and activities; and

(c) provide a base of funding for the statewide coordination of state-approved career and technology student organizations.

(3) Each state-approved career and technology student organization must be affiliated with a respective national career and technology student organization and be appropriately incorporated as a Montana nonprofit organization in compliance with state law and regulations regarding operations and financial reporting.

(4) The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute funds appropriated for grants to state-approved career and technology student organizations by November 1. Each grant recipient must receive a base amount of funding to support the position of state director for the organization.

(5) The superintendent of public instruction shall supervise and coordinate the program by establishing procedures and criteria for review and approval of grants to state-approved career and technology student organizations.

(6) Proposals submitted to the superintendent of public instruction by career and technology student



1 organizations must contain:

2 (a) a program description, including measurable objectives;

3 (b) evidence of hiring a state director and a plan for expanding student leadership skills;

4 (c) evidence of appropriate activities that will serve to achieve the program objectives; and

5 (d) a method to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

6 (7) Career and technology student organizations may request assistance from the staff of the  
7 superintendent of public instruction in formulating program proposals.

8 (8) Additional or remaining funds appropriated for the purposes of this section may be allocated to  
9 state-approved career and technology student organizations pursuant to policies adopted under 20-7-301.

10 (9) As used in this section, "career and technology student organization" means an organization for  
11 students enrolled in a state-approved career and technology program that engages in career and technology  
12 education activities as an integral part of the instructional program.

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14 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$500,000 from the general fund for  
15 each of the fiscal years 2014 and 2015 to the office of public instruction for the purposes described in [section  
16 1].

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18 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
19 integral part of Title 20, chapter 7, part 3, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 7, part 3, apply to [section 1].

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21 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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