

HOUSE BILL NO. 314

INTRODUCED BY C. PEASE-LOPEZ

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXPANDING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION'S MONTANA SCHOOLS OF PROMISE INITIATIVE; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation -- purpose. (1) There is appropriated \$669,300 from the state general fund to the office of public instruction in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, for the purposes described in subsection (2).

(2) The purpose of the Montana schools of promise initiative is to provide intensive support to school districts that have the lowest rates of student achievement across the state, building on the successes this initiative has achieved over the past 5 years. The office of public instruction shall target schools that face significant challenges related to poverty, trauma, and rurality. The office of public instruction shall work with an additional four school districts to augment their school improvement efforts by providing additional staff support to:

- (a) stabilize the administrative infrastructure through work with the board of trustees and superintendent;
- (b) provide direct student mental health well-being services to children with complex needs; and
- (c) engage students in their academic goals.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

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