



AN ACT CREATING A LOSS MITIGATION PROGRAM AND PROVIDING CONDITIONS FOR ITS USE; REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING TO APPROVE ANY DISTRIBUTION OVER \$30,000 PER REQUEST TO A SINGLE AGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Loss mitigation program -- purpose. (1) There is a loss mitigation program administered by the department of administration.

(2) Funds for the program must be used by the department solely for the purpose of mitigating losses generated through claims against the state related to property, automobiles, aviation, and general liability.

(3) An agency seeking funds from the loss mitigation program shall present to the department a written request that:

- (a) identifies the risk of loss and potential costs associated with the risk of loss;
- (b) identifies matching funds from the agency to address or reduce the risk of loss; and
- (c) provides a detailed explanation of how the funds will be spent to mitigate the risk of loss.

(4) Prior to distributing funds for an agency seeking funds from the loss mitigation program, the department of administration shall review the information provided by the agency and confirm the existence of a significant risk of loss to be mitigated with the requested funds.

(5) A distribution over \$30,000 for each written request, not including matching funds available to the agency, from the loss mitigation program to a single agency is subject to approval by the office of budget and program planning.

Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 2, chapter 9, part 2, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 9, part 2, apply to [section 1].

Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0354, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2015.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2015.

HOUSE BILL NO. 354

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