

HOUSE BILL NO. 64

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BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING STATE MONEY FROM THE STATE-TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND; AMENDING SECTION 90-1-135, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 90-1-135, MCA, is amended to read:

"90-1-135. (Temporary) Special revenue accounts. (1) There is an account in the state treasury for the receipt of state and private funds and an account in the state treasury for the receipt of federal funds for expenditure by the state-tribal economic development commission established in 90-1-131.

(2) Money in the accounts established in subsection (1) must be used to pay:

(a) the commission's administrative costs;

(b) the salary, benefits, and administrative expenses of the tribal business center coordinator and the federal grants coordinator; and

(c) the costs of conducting or commissioning and periodically updating or otherwise modifying a comprehensive assessment of economic development needs and priorities on each of the Indian reservations in the state.

(3) Money in the accounts that is not expended for the purposes identified in subsection (2) may be used for other purposes that the commission considers prudent or necessary.

(4) Interest and income earned on the money in the accounts must be deposited in the accounts for the commission's use.

(5) Money in the ~~accounts~~ federal special revenue account that is not expended by June 30, 2005, must remain in the ~~accounts~~ account for the commission's use. (Terminates June 30, 2005--sec. 5, Ch. 69, L. 2001.)"

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Fund transfer. Money in the state special revenue account, provided for in 90-1-135, on July 1, 2003, that was received from state funds is transferred to the state general fund.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell band of Chippewa.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2003.

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