

SENATE BILL NO. 454
INTRODUCED BY B. STORY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF BLOCK GRANTS AND DELAYING THE TIME FOR GROWTH IN THE BLOCK GRANTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL RETIREMENT, AND COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AS ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 574, LAWS OF 2002, AND MODIFIED BY CHAPTER 13, SPECIAL LAWS OF AUGUST 2002; AMENDING SECTIONS 25, 26, AND 27, CHAPTER 13, SPECIAL LAWS OF AUGUST 2002; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 25, Chapter 13, Special Laws of August 2002, is amended to read:

"Section 25. Section 244, Chapter 574, Laws of 2001, is amended to read:

"Section 244. School district block grants. (1) (a) The office of public instruction shall provide a block grant to each school district based on the revenue received by each district in fiscal year 2001 from vehicle taxes and fees, corporate license taxes paid by financial institutions, aeronautics fees, state land payments in lieu of taxes, and property tax reimbursements pursuant to sections 167(1) through (5) and 169(6), Chapter 584, Laws of 1999.

(b) Block grants must be calculated using the electronic reporting system that is used by the office of public instruction and school districts. The electronic reporting system must be used to allocate a portion of the block grant amount into each district's fiscal year 2002 budget as an anticipated revenue source by fund.

(c) With the exception of vehicle taxes and fees, the office of public instruction shall use the amount actually received from the sources listed in subsection (1)(a) in fiscal year 2001 in its calculation of the block grant for fiscal year 2002 budgeting purposes. For vehicle taxes and fees, the office of public instruction shall use 93.4% of the amount actually received in fiscal year 2001 in calculating the block grant for fiscal year 2002.

(2) If the ~~biennial~~ fiscal year 2003 appropriation provided in [section 248(1)] is insufficient to fund the school district block grants in fiscal year 2003 at the fiscal year 2002 level, the office of public instruction shall prorate the block grants to meet the remaining appropriation. School districts shall anticipate the prorated block grant amounts provided by the office of public instruction in their budgets for fiscal year 2003.

(3) Each year, 70% of each district's block grant must be distributed in November and 30% of each

district's block grant must be distributed in May at the same time that guaranteed tax base aid is distributed. If the appropriation for block grants is greater than or less than the amount received by schools from the sources enumerated in subsection (1), the office of public instruction shall prorate the amount appropriated based upon the fiscal year 2001 revenue.

(4) The average amount of the block grants in fiscal years 2002 and 2003 must be used in fiscal year 2004 and fiscal year 2005. The block grant must be increased by 0.76% in fiscal year 2004 2006 and in each succeeding fiscal year."

Section 2. Section 26, Chapter 13, Special Laws of August 2002, is amended to read:

"Section 26. Section 245, Chapter 574, Laws of 2001, is amended to read:

"Section 245. Countywide school retirement block grants. (1) The office of public instruction shall distribute one-half of the amount appropriated for countywide school retirement in November and the remainder in May. The total amount for each county is as follows:

	FY 2002	FY2002	FY2003	FY2003
	Elementary	High School	Elementary	High School
	Payment	Payment	Payment	Payment
Beaverhead	\$86,692	\$50,789	\$87,351 <u>\$55,503</u>	\$51,175 <u>\$41,981</u>
Big Horn	62,668	36,963	63,144 <u>95,018</u>	37,244 <u>33,837</u>
Blaine	61,160	10,193	61,624 <u>46,318</u> <u>46,437</u>	40,271 <u>81,109</u> <u>81,145</u>
Broadwater	0	92,686	0	93,390 <u>34,949</u>
Carbon	43,451	82,110	43,782 <u>72,602</u> <u>72,592</u>	82,734 <u>58,957</u> <u>69,522</u>
Carter	9,751	5,453	9,825 <u>8,478</u> <u>8,638</u>	5,495 <u>6,155</u> <u>6,244</u>
Cascade	349,056	192,848	351,709 <u>282,266</u> <u>280,363</u>	194,314 <u>142,282</u> <u>141,301</u>
Chouteau	75,384	41,034	75,957 <u>58,455</u> <u>60,978</u>	41,346 <u>29,474</u> <u>30,825</u>
Custer	78,925	36,930	79,525 <u>57,608</u>	37,211 <u>32,128</u>
Daniels	0	37,994	0	38,283 <u>36,083</u>
Dawson	85,568	38,722	86,219 <u>64,693</u>	39,016 <u>24,827</u>
Deer Lodge	39,980	17,059	40,284 <u>34,455</u> <u>35,062</u>	17,189 <u>16,807</u> <u>14,748</u>
Fallon	0	0	0	0 <u>30,444</u> <u>30,930</u>
Fergus	119,028	78,809	119,932 <u>90,464</u> <u>86,528</u>	79,408 <u>55,527</u> <u>52,925</u>
Flathead	558,861	296,410	563,108 <u>530,274</u>	298,662 <u>268,731</u>

Gallatin	383,035	181,743	385,946 <u>537,244</u>	483,125 <u>107,717</u>
Garfield	12,337	10,170	12,434 <u>12,100</u>	10,247 <u>4,620</u>
Glacier	79,924	34,016	80,532 <u>106,815</u>	34,275 <u>10,494</u>
Golden Valley	0	16,716	0	16,843 <u>14,492</u> <u>14,952</u>
Granite	14,074	48,026	14,180 <u>12,523</u> <u>12,758</u>	48,391 <u>30,727</u> <u>31,458</u>
Hill	142,867	82,538	143,953 <u>59,593</u> <u>130,460</u>	83,165 <u>35,211</u> <u>77,730</u>
Jefferson	116,679	59,523	117,565 <u>143,901</u> <u>143,931</u>	59,976 <u>59,690</u> <u>59,751</u>
Judith Basin	6,149	21,359	6,196 <u>4,744</u>	21,521 <u>30,198</u>
Lake	173,584	139,990	174,903 <u>156,485</u>	141,054 <u>103,365</u>
Lewis & Clark	344,112	211,726	346,728 <u>370,958</u> <u>370,732</u>	213,335 <u>173,847</u> <u>173,725</u>
Liberty	20,144	16,786	20,297 <u>3,067</u> <u>24,426</u>	16,914 <u>31,953</u> <u>20,813</u>
Lincoln	73,001	98,835	73,556 <u>61,499</u>	99,586 <u>87,710</u>
Madison	0	103,163	0 <u>4,891</u>	103,947 <u>19,788</u> <u>20,480</u>
McCone	23,214	15,824	23,390 <u>21,778</u> <u>21,637</u>	15,945 <u>14,004</u> <u>13,906</u>
Meagher	13,654	10,678	13,758 <u>9,250</u> <u>10,682</u>	10,759 <u>9,492</u> <u>10,715</u>
Mineral	0	32,206	0	32,451 <u>33,292</u> <u>33,306</u>
Missoula	487,129	362,756	490,832 <u>587,637</u>	365,513 <u>357,669</u>
Musselshell	30,675	21,577	30,908 <u>48,959</u>	21,741 <u>41,250</u>
Park	154,192	81,696	155,364 <u>135,256</u>	82,317 <u>78,135</u>
Petroleum	0	16,897	0	17,026 <u>9,510</u> <u>12,393</u>
Phillips	10,502	95,084	10,582 <u>103,747</u> <u>103,759</u>	95,806 <u>54,728</u> <u>54,793</u>
Pondera	79,805	60,307	80,411 <u>18,821</u> <u>65,353</u>	60,765 <u>47,629</u>
Powder River	18,815	15,011	18,958 <u>0</u> <u>19,026</u>	15,125 <u>0</u> <u>8,573</u>
Powell	69,695	22,666	70,225 <u>71,420</u> <u>71,009</u>	22,838 <u>30,458</u> <u>30,326</u>
Prairie	0	26,791	0	26,995 <u>21,945</u>
Ravalli	85,333	169,769	85,981 <u>2,062</u> <u>20,867</u>	171,059 <u>40,316</u> <u>73,912</u>
Richland	83,671	30,302	84,307 <u>15,500</u> <u>12,477</u>	30,533 <u>26,650</u> <u>24,039</u>
Roosevelt	71,090	60,329	71,630 <u>96,278</u>	60,787 <u>61,038</u>
Rosebud	359,662	286,411	362,395 <u>475,055</u> <u>478,891</u>	288,588 <u>126,246</u> <u>129,268</u>
Sanders	203,863	127,694	205,413 <u>197,286</u>	128,665 <u>14,442</u>
Sheridan	0	46,231	0	46,583 <u>47,628</u> <u>58,463</u>

Silver Bow	249,821	141,541	251,719 <u>193,304</u>	142,617 <u>119,358</u>
Stillwater	91,487	75,926	92,182 <u>91,185</u> <u>99,893</u>	76,503 <u>51,769</u> <u>58,767</u>
Sweet Grass	36,996	36,327	37,277 <u>24,214</u>	36,603 <u>12,316</u>
Teton	57,760	41,547	58,199 <u>45,217</u>	41,863 <u>40,769</u>
Toole	43,323	51,399	43,652 <u>36,109</u>	51,790 <u>73,362</u>
Treasure	0	18,947	0	19,091 <u>16,243</u>
Valley	15,824	90,532	15,944 <u>10,558</u> <u>6,751</u>	91,220 <u>143,204</u> <u>109,094</u>
Wheatland	20,946	12,103	21,105 <u>15,031</u>	12,195 <u>12,109</u>
Wibaux	0	14,585	0	14,696 <u>25,103</u>
Yellowstone	1,125,488	643,136	1,134,042 <u>1,070,887</u> <u>1,077,273</u>	648,024 <u>612,293</u> <u>615,945</u>
Total	6,269,374	4,650,865	6,317,022 <u>6,326,685</u>	4,686,212 <u>3,723,973</u> <u>3,798,057</u>

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Section 3. Section 27, Chapter 13, Special Laws of August 2002, is amended to read:

"Section 27. Section 246, Chapter 574, Laws of 2001, is amended to read:

"Section 246. Countywide school transportation block grants. (1) The office of public instruction shall distribute one-half of the amount appropriated for countywide school transportation in November and the remainder in May. The total amount for each county is as follows:

	FY 2002	FY2003
	Payment	Payment
Beaverhead	\$29,924	\$30,151 <u>\$26,197</u>
Big Horn	43,635	43,966 <u>52,920</u>
Blaine	3,727	3,756 13,384 <u>13,433</u>
Broadwater	14,935	15,048 <u>21,769</u>
Carbon	23,493	23,671 <u>23,040</u>
Carter	8,675	8,741 6,457 <u>6,592</u>
Cascade	84,382	85,024 5,760 <u>43,722</u>
Chouteau	33,063	33,314 26,028 <u>27,043</u>
Custer	7,069	7,123 <u>6,272</u>

Daniels	16,771	16,899 <u>12,993</u>
Dawson	21,356	21,518 <u>14,001</u>
Deer Lodge	14,392	14,502 14,482 <u>12,532</u>
Fallon	20,447	20,603 25,422 <u>25,428</u>
Fergus	58,765	59,211 30,799 <u>29,415</u>
Flathead	89,846	90,529 <u>77,223</u>
Gallatin	81,262	81,879 <u>90,930</u>
Garfield	17,284	17,415 <u>7,135</u>
Glacier	37,740	38,027 <u>34,300</u>
Golden Valley	3,547	3,574 3,591 <u>3,664</u>
Granite	8,153	8,215 6,726 <u>6,858</u>
Hill	46,409	46,762 17,070 <u>40,781</u>
Jefferson	36,329	36,605 34,792 <u>34,817</u>
Judith Basin	16,878	17,007 <u>20,322</u>
Lake	69,756	70,286 <u>52,163</u>
Lewis & Clark	58,287	58,730 69,557 <u>69,535</u>
Liberty	15,874	15,995 12,731 <u>9,584</u>
Lincoln	50,388	50,771 0 <u>22,795</u>
Madison	21,263	21,424 14,174 <u>12,828</u>
McCone	12,498	12,593 11,856 <u>11,788</u>
Meagher	4,237	4,269 6,366 <u>6,976</u>
Mineral	7,478	7,534 <u>9,038</u>
Missoula	93,969	94,683 <u>94,480</u>
Musselshell	12,945	13,043 <u>20,627</u>
Park	31,904	32,147 <u>32,394</u>
Petroleum	9,854	9,929 6,086 <u>7,300</u>
Phillips	31,080	31,316 43,852 <u>43,872</u>
Pondera	22,599	22,771 <u>18,308</u>
Powder River	21,304	21,465 0 <u>21,795</u>
Powell	16,622	16,748 14,581 <u>14,507</u>
Prairie	8,544	8,609 <u>4,809</u>

Ravalli	60,579	61,040	24,889	38,440
Richland	32,995	33,246	30,868	29,315
Roosevelt	25,740		25,935	40,216
Rosebud	97,820	98,564	89,433	90,850
Sanders	71,581		72,125	173,489
Sheridan	12,946	13,045	17,460	24,274
Silver Bow	21,872		22,038	18,381
Stillwater	27,358	27,566	15,344	17,543
Sweet Grass	14,996		15,110	<u>6,340</u>
Teton	28,202		28,416	<u>20,759</u>
Toole	17,208		17,339	<u>15,592</u>
Treasure	5,446		5,487	<u>5,073</u>
Valley	26,677	26,880	36,436	27,775
Wheatland	9,142		9,212	<u>6,386</u>
Wibaux	6,198		6,246	<u>8,816</u>
Yellowstone	149,314	150,448	145,322	146,210
Total	1,814,759	1,828,551	1,637,437	1,753,647

(2) The average amount of the block grants in fiscal years 2002 and 2003 must be used in fiscal year 2004 and fiscal year 2005. The block grant must be increased by 0.76% in fiscal year 2004 2006 and in each succeeding fiscal year.""

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 through 3] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 9, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 9, apply to [sections 1 through 3].

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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