

SENATE BILL NO. 454  
INTRODUCED BY 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 1.** 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	<del>\$87,351</del> <u>\$55,503</u>	<del>\$51,175</del> <u>\$41,981</u>
Big Horn	62,668	36,963	<del>63,144</del> <u>95,018</u>	<del>37,244</del> <u>33,837</u>
Blaine	61,160	10,193	<del>61,624</del> <u>46,318</u> <u>46,437</u>	<del>40,271</del> <u>81,109</u> <u>81,145</u>
Broadwater	0	92,686	0	<del>93,390</del> <u>34,949</u>
Carbon	43,451	82,110	<del>43,782</del> <u>72,602</u> <u>72,592</u>	<del>82,734</del> <u>58,957</u> <u>69,522</u>
Carter	9,751	5,453	<del>9,825</del> <u>8,478</u> <u>8,638</u>	<del>5,495</del> <u>6,155</u> <u>6,244</u>
Cascade	349,056	192,848	<del>351,709</del> <u>282,266</u> <u>280,363</u>	<del>194,314</del> <u>142,282</u> <u>141,301</u>
Chouteau	75,384	41,034	<del>75,957</del> <u>58,455</u> <u>60,978</u>	<del>41,346</del> <u>29,474</u> <u>30,825</u>
Custer	78,925	36,930	<del>79,525</del> <u>57,608</u>	<del>37,211</del> <u>32,128</u>
Daniels	0	37,994	0	<del>38,283</del> <u>36,083</u>
Dawson	85,568	38,722	<del>86,219</del> <u>64,693</u>	<del>39,016</del> <u>24,827</u>
Deer Lodge	39,980	17,059	<del>40,284</del> <u>34,455</u> <u>35,062</u>	<del>17,189</del> <u>16,807</u> <u>14,748</u>
Fallon	0	0	0	<del>0</del> <u>30,444</u> <u>30,930</u>
Fergus	119,028	78,809	<del>119,932</del> <u>90,464</u> <u>86,528</u>	<del>79,408</del> <u>55,527</u> <u>52,925</u>
Flathead	558,861	296,410	<del>563,108</del> <u>530,274</u>	<del>298,662</del> <u>268,731</u>

Gallatin	383,035	181,743	<del>385,946</del> <u>537,244</u>	<del>483,125</del> <u>107,717</u>
Garfield	12,337	10,170	<del>12,434</del> <u>12,100</u>	<del>10,247</del> <u>4,620</u>
Glacier	79,924	34,016	<del>80,532</del> <u>106,815</u>	<del>34,275</del> <u>10,494</u>
Golden Valley	0	16,716	0	<del>16,843</del> <u>14,492</u> <u>14,952</u>
Granite	14,074	48,026	<del>14,180</del> <u>12,523</u> <u>12,758</u>	<del>48,391</del> <u>30,727</u> <u>31,458</u>
Hill	142,867	82,538	<del>143,953</del> <u>59,593</u> <u>130,460</u>	<del>83,165</del> <u>35,211</u> <u>77,730</u>
Jefferson	116,679	59,523	<del>117,565</del> <u>143,901</u> <u>143,931</u>	<del>59,976</del> <u>59,690</u> <u>59,751</u>
Judith Basin	6,149	21,359	<del>6,196</del> <u>4,744</u>	<del>21,521</del> <u>30,198</u>
Lake	173,584	139,990	<del>174,903</del> <u>156,485</u>	<del>141,054</del> <u>103,365</u>
Lewis & Clark	344,112	211,726	<del>346,728</del> <u>370,958</u> <u>370,732</u>	<del>213,335</del> <u>173,847</u> <u>173,725</u>
Liberty	20,144	16,786	<del>20,297</del> <u>3,067</u> <u>24,426</u>	<del>16,914</del> <u>31,953</u> <u>20,813</u>
Lincoln	73,001	98,835	<del>73,556</del> <u>61,499</u>	<del>99,586</del> <u>87,710</u>
Madison	0	103,163	<del>0</del> <u>4,891</u>	<del>103,947</del> <u>19,788</u> <u>20,480</u>
McCone	23,214	15,824	<del>23,390</del> <u>21,778</u> <u>21,637</u>	<del>15,945</del> <u>14,004</u> <u>13,906</u>
Meagher	13,654	10,678	<del>13,758</del> <u>9,250</u> <u>10,682</u>	<del>10,759</del> <u>9,492</u> <u>10,715</u>
Mineral	0	32,206	0	<del>32,451</del> <u>33,292</u> <u>33,306</u>
Missoula	487,129	362,756	<del>490,832</del> <u>587,637</u>	<del>365,513</del> <u>357,669</u>
Musselshell	30,675	21,577	<del>30,908</del> <u>48,959</u>	<del>21,741</del> <u>41,250</u>
Park	154,192	81,696	<del>155,364</del> <u>135,256</u>	<del>82,317</del> <u>78,135</u>
Petroleum	0	16,897	0	<del>17,026</del> <u>9,510</u> <u>12,393</u>
Phillips	10,502	95,084	<del>10,582</del> <u>103,747</u> <u>103,759</u>	<del>95,806</del> <u>54,728</u> <u>54,793</u>
Pondera	79,805	60,307	<del>80,411</del> <u>18,821</u> <u>65,353</u>	<del>60,765</del> <u>47,629</u>
Powder River	18,815	15,011	<del>18,958</del> <u>0</u> <u>19,026</u>	<del>15,125</del> <u>0</u> <u>8,573</u>
Powell	69,695	22,666	<del>70,225</del> <u>71,420</u> <u>71,009</u>	<del>22,838</del> <u>30,458</u> <u>30,326</u>
Prairie	0	26,791	0	<del>26,995</del> <u>21,945</u>
Ravalli	85,333	169,769	<del>85,981</del> <u>2,062</u> <u>20,867</u>	<del>171,059</del> <u>40,316</u> <u>73,912</u>
Richland	83,671	30,302	<del>84,307</del> <u>15,500</u> <u>12,477</u>	<del>30,533</del> <u>26,650</u> <u>24,039</u>
Roosevelt	71,090	60,329	<del>71,630</del> <u>96,278</u>	<del>60,787</del> <u>61,038</u>
Rosebud	359,662	286,411	<del>362,395</del> <u>475,055</u> <u>478,891</u>	<del>288,588</del> <u>126,246</u> <u>129,268</u>
Sanders	203,863	127,694	<del>205,413</del> <u>197,286</u>	<del>128,665</del> <u>14,442</u> <u>117,375</u>
Sheridan	0	46,231	0	<del>46,583</del> <u>47,628</u> <u>58,463</u>

Silver Bow	249,821	141,541	<del>251,719</del> <u>193,304</u>	<del>142,617</del> <u>119,358</u>
Stillwater	91,487	75,926	<del>92,182</del> <u>91,185</u> <u>99,893</u>	<del>76,503</del> <u>51,769</u> <u>58,767</u>
Sweet Grass	36,996	36,327	<del>37,277</del> <u>24,214</u>	<del>36,603</del> <u>12,316</u>
Teton	57,760	41,547	<del>58,199</del> <u>45,217</u>	<del>41,863</del> <u>40,769</u>
Toole	43,323	51,399	<del>43,652</del> <u>36,109</u>	<del>51,790</del> <u>73,362</u>
Treasure	0	18,947	0	<del>19,091</del> <u>16,243</u>
Valley	15,824	90,532	<del>15,944</del> <u>10,558</u> <u>6,751</u>	<del>91,220</del> <u>143,204</u> <u>109,094</u>
Wheatland	20,946	12,103	<del>21,105</del> <u>15,031</u>	<del>12,195</del> <u>12,109</u>
Wibaux	0	14,585	0	<del>14,696</del> <u>25,103</u>
Yellowstone	1,125,488	643,136	<del>1,134,042</del> <u>1,070,887</u> <u>1,077,273</u>	<del>648,024</del> <u>612,293</u> <u>615,945</u>
Total	6,269,374	4,650,865	<del>6,317,022</del> <u>6,326,685</u>	<del>4,686,212</del> <u>3,723,973</u> <u>3,798,057</u>
				<u>3,900,990</u>

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**Section 2.** 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	<del>\$30,151</del> <u>\$26,197</u>
Big Horn	43,635	<del>43,966</del> <u>52,920</u>
Blaine	3,727	<del>3,756</del> <u>13,384</u> <u>13,433</u>
Broadwater	14,935	<del>15,048</del> <u>21,769</u>
Carbon	23,493	<del>23,671</del> <u>23,040</u>
Carter	8,675	<del>8,741</del> <u>6,457</u> <u>6,592</u>
Cascade	84,382	<del>85,024</del> <u>5,760</u> <u>43,722</u>
Chouteau	33,063	<del>33,314</del> <u>26,028</u> <u>27,043</u>

Custer	7,069	<del>7,123</del> <u>6,272</u>
Daniels	16,771	<del>16,899</del> <u>12,993</u>
Dawson	21,356	<del>21,518</del> <u>14,001</u>
Deer Lodge	14,392	<del>14,502</del> <u>14,482</u> <u>12,532</u>
Fallon	20,447	<del>20,603</del> <u>25,422</u> <u>25,428</u>
Fergus	58,765	<del>59,211</del> <u>30,799</u> <u>29,415</u>
Flathead	89,846	<del>90,529</del> <u>77,223</u>
Gallatin	81,262	<del>81,879</del> <u>90,930</u>
Garfield	17,284	<del>17,415</del> <u>7,135</u>
Glacier	37,740	<del>38,027</del> <u>34,300</u>
Golden Valley	3,547	<del>3,574</del> <u>3,591</u> <u>3,664</u>
Granite	8,153	<del>8,215</del> <u>6,726</u> <u>6,858</u>
Hill	46,409	<del>46,762</del> <u>17,070</u> <u>40,781</u>
Jefferson	36,329	<del>36,605</del> <u>34,792</u> <u>34,817</u>
Judith Basin	16,878	<del>17,007</del> <u>20,322</u>
Lake	69,756	<del>70,286</del> <u>52,163</u>
Lewis & Clark	58,287	<del>58,730</del> <u>69,557</u> <u>69,535</u>
Liberty	15,874	<del>15,995</del> <u>12,731</u> <u>9,584</u>
Lincoln	50,388	<del>50,771</del> <u>0</u> <u>22,795</u>
Madison	21,263	<del>21,424</del> <u>14,174</u> <u>12,828</u>
McCone	12,498	<del>12,593</del> <u>11,856</u> <u>11,788</u>
Meagher	4,237	<del>4,269</del> <u>6,366</u> <u>6,976</u>
Mineral	7,478	<del>7,534</del> <u>9,038</u>
Missoula	93,969	<del>94,683</del> <u>94,480</u>
Musselshell	12,945	<del>13,043</del> <u>20,627</u>
Park	31,904	<del>32,147</del> <u>32,394</u>
Petroleum	9,854	<del>9,929</del> <u>6,086</u> <u>7,300</u>
Phillips	31,080	<del>31,316</del> <u>43,852</u> <u>43,872</u>
Pondera	22,599	<del>22,771</del> <u>18,308</u>
Powder River	21,304	<del>21,465</del> <u>0</u> <u>21,795</u>
Powell	16,622	<del>16,748</del> <u>14,581</u> <u>14,507</u>

Prairie	8,544	<del>8,609</del> 4,809
Ravalli	60,579	<del>61,040</del> <u>24,889</u> 38,440
Richland	32,995	<del>33,246</del> <u>30,868</u> 29,315
Roosevelt	25,740	<del>25,935</del> <u>40,216</u>
Rosebud	97,820	<del>98,564</del> <u>89,433</u> 90,850
Sanders	71,581	<del>72,125</del> <u>173,489</u> 69,930
Sheridan	12,946	<del>13,045</del> <u>17,460</u> 24,274
Silver Bow	21,872	<del>22,038</del> <u>18,381</u>
Stillwater	27,358	<del>27,566</del> <u>15,344</u> 17,543
Sweet Grass	14,996	<del>15,110</del> <u>6,340</u>
Teton	28,202	<del>28,416</del> <u>20,759</u>
Toole	17,208	<del>17,339</del> <u>15,592</u>
Treasure	5,446	<del>5,487</del> <u>5,073</u>
Valley	26,677	<del>26,880</del> <u>36,436</u> 27,775
Wheatland	9,142	<del>9,212</del> <u>6,386</u>
Wibaux	6,198	<del>6,246</del> <u>8,816</u>
Yellowstone	149,314	<del>150,448</del> <u>145,322</u> 146,210
Total	1,814,759	<del>1,828,551</del> <u>1,637,437</u> <u>1,753,647</u> 1,650,088

(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 2004 and in each succeeding fiscal year."

**NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction --DIRECTION TO CODE COMMISSIONER.** (1) [Sections 1 through 3 AND 2] 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 AND 2].

**(2) THE CODE COMMISSIONER IS DIRECTED TO CODIFY SECTION 25, CHAPTER 13, SPECIAL LAWS OF AUGUST 2002, AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF TITLE 20, CHAPTER 9, AND THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 20, CHAPTER 9, APPLY TO THAT SECTION.**

**NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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