HOUSE BILL NO. 676

INTRODUCED BY SESSO

BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; ELIMINATING GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS TO THE HIGHWAY NONRESTRICTED STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT: RESTRICTING TRANSFERS OF CIGARETTE TAXES ALLOCATED FOR THE SUPPORT OF VETERANS' NURSING HOMES; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF PRESENT LAW BASE FOR THE ENSUING BUDGET CYCLE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DELIVERING SERVICES AND TO DEVELOP GOALS, MILESTONES, AND MEASURES TO GUIDE THE REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVES; RESTRICTING THE TRANSFER OF THE UNRESERVED BALANCE IN THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX COMBINED ACCOUNT; MODIFYING THE USE OF THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX COMBINED ACCOUNT; PROVIDING A 1 PERCENT INCREASE IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2011 BIENNIUM IN THE BASIC ENTITLEMENT AND THE TOTAL PER-ANB ENTITLEMENT; REQUIRING REPORTS BY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER; REQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF RULES RELATING TO THE WORKING CARETAKER RELATIVE PROGRAM UNDER TANF; AUTHORIZING MONEY IN THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT AND THE HEALTH AND MEDICAID INITIATIVES ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR THE HEALTHY MONTANA KIDS PLAN: REMOVING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST USING CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM INSURANCE FOR CONTRACEPTION; CHANGING THE LEAF-CUTTING BEE ENTERPRISE FUND TO A STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT: PROVIDING A FUND TRANSFER FROM THE WATER ADJUDICATION STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES OPERATIONS STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING A FUND TRANSFER FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PROTECTION FUND TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES OPERATIONS STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING A FUND TRANSFER FROM THE JUNK VEHICLE FUND TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES OPERATIONS STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; REQUIRING A REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANTS; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF PREMIUM TAXES; REVISING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; ELIMINATING THE RENAL DISEASE TREATMENT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3004, 7-14-112, 10-2-112, 10-2-603, 10-3-801, 15-1-122, 15-35-108, 15-38-301, 16-11-119, <u>17-6-606, 17-7-102</u>, 17-7-111, <u>17-7-304, 20-9-306</u>, 33-2-708, 47-1-201, 53-4-212, 53-4-1004, 53-4-1005, 53-4-1012, 53-4-1115, 53-4-1201, 75-10-704, 80-6-1109, AND 85-2-280, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-30-169, 50-44-101, 50-44-102, AND 50-44-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE APPLICABILITY DATES, AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 2-15-3004, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-3004. Montana alfalfa seed committee -- composition -- allocation. (1) There is a Montana alfalfa seed committee composed of eight members as follows:

(a) five members appointed by the governor who are citizens of Montana and who are actively engaged in the growing of alfalfa seed within the state, deriving a substantial portion of their income from handling, packing, shipping, buying, or selling alfalfa seed, or acting as a broker or factor of alfalfa seed. These five members must be compensated as provided in 80-11-305.

(b) two members appointed by the governor who are citizens of Montana and who are actively engaged in the growing of alfalfa seed within the state and the rearing of alfalfa leaf-cutting bees. Each member must be compensated from the enterprise fund state special revenue account established in 80-6-1109 at \$25 for each day in which the member is engaged in the official business of the committee, plus expenses as provided for in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503.

(c) the director of the department of agriculture or the director's authorized representative.

(2) A list of nominees for appointment may be submitted to the governor by the Montana alfalfa seed association, the Montana seed trade association, the Montana seed growers association, and any other organization representing alfalfa seed growers or dealers. Names of nominees must be submitted at least 91 days before the expiration of a committee member's term. The governor shall appoint members from among the persons nominated.

(3) The appointed members serve staggered terms of 3 years. The initial appointments are as follows: two members for 1-year terms, two members for 2-year terms, and three members for 3-year terms.

(4) The committee is allocated to the department of agriculture for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121."

Section 2. Section 7-14-112, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-14-112. Senior citizen and persons with disabilities transportation services account -- use. (1)

There is a senior citizen and persons with disabilities transportation services account in the state special revenue fund. Money must be deposited in the account pursuant to $\frac{15-1-122(3)(e)}{15-1-122(2)(e)}$.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (6), the account must be used to provide operating funds or matching funds for operating grants pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5311 to counties, incorporated cities and towns, transportation districts, or nonprofit organizations for transportation services for persons 60 years of age or older and for persons with disabilities.

(3) (a) Subject to the conditions of subsection (3)(b), the department of transportation is authorized to award grants to counties, incorporated cities and towns, transportation districts, and nonprofit organizations for transportation services using guidelines established in the state management plan for the purposes described in 49 U.S.C. 5310 and 5311.

(b) Priority for awarding grants must be determined according to the following factors:

(i) the most recent census or federal estimate of persons 60 years of age or older and persons with disabilities in the area served by a county, incorporated city or town, transportation district, or nonprofit organization;

(ii) the annual number of trips provided by the transportation provider to persons 60 years of age or older and to persons with disabilities in the transportation service area;

(iii) the ability of the transportation provider to provide matching money in an amount determined by the department of transportation; and

(iv) the coordination of services as required in subsection (5).

(4) The department of transportation shall ensure that the available funding is distributed equally among the five transportation districts provided in 2-15-2502.

(5) In awarding grants, the department of transportation shall give preference to proposals that:

(a) include the establishment of a transit authority to coordinate service area or regional transportation services;

(b) address and document the transportation needs within the community, county, and service area or region;

(c) identify all other transportation providers in the community, county, and service area or region;

(d) explain how services are going to be coordinated with the other transportation providers in the service area or region;

(e) indicate how services are going to be expanded to meet the unmet needs of senior citizens and disabled persons within the community, county, and service area or region who are dependent upon public transit;

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(f) include documentation of coordination with other local transportation programs within the community, county, and service area or region, including:

(i) utilization of existing resources and equipment to maximize the delivery of service; and

(ii) the projected increase in ridership and expansion of service;

(g) invite school districts to participate or be included in the transportation coordination efforts within the community, county, and service area or region; and

(h) at a minimum, comply with the provisions in subsections (5)(b) through (5)(f).

(6) Any money remaining after grants have been awarded to transportation providers who provide transportation services for persons 60 years of age or older and persons with disabilities may be awarded to other transportation providers for operating costs or matching funds for operating grants for the purposes described in 49 U.S.C. 5311 other than for transportation services for persons 60 years of age or older or persons with disabilities."

Section 3. Section 10-2-112, MCA, is amended to read:

"10-2-112. Veterans' services special revenue account -- sources of funds -- designated uses. (1) There is a veterans' services account in the state special revenue fund, established pursuant to 17-2-102(1)(b), to the credit of the board.

(2) Money transferred pursuant to 15-1-122(3)(d) <u>15-1-122(2)(d)</u> from license plate sales as described in 10-2-114 and from gifts, grants, or donations must be deposited in the veterans' services account.

(3) Legislative appropriations of money in the veterans' services account must be used for the purposes identified in 10-2-102 or other functions authorized by the board.

(4) There is a veterans' services federal account in the federal special revenue fund established for federal funds received under 10-2-106."

Section 4. Section 10-2-603, MCA, is amended to read:

"10-2-603. Special revenue account -- use of funds -- solicitation. (1) There is an account in the special revenue fund to the credit of the board for the state veterans' cemeteries.

(2) Plot allowances, donations to the cemetery program, and fund transfers pursuant to 15-1-122(3)(d)
15-1-122(2)(d) must be deposited into the account.

(3) The account is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, to the board and may be used only for the construction, maintenance, operation, and administration of the state veterans' cemeteries.

(4) The board shall solicit veterans' license plate sales and donations on behalf of the state veterans' cemeteries."

Section 5. Section 10-3-801, MCA, is amended to read:

"10-3-801. Account created for funding search and rescue operations -- rules. (1) There is an account in the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102. The account must be administered by the disaster and emergency services division of the department exclusively for the purposes of search and rescue as provided in this section. The department may retain up to 5% of the money in the account to pay its costs of administering this section.

(2) There must be deposited in the account:

(a) fund transfers pursuant to 15-1-122(3)(f) <u>15-1-122(2)(f);</u>

(b) fund transfers pursuant to 87-1-601(9). These funds may be used only as provided in 87-1-601(9).

(c) all money received by the department in the form of gifts, grants, reimbursements, or appropriations from any source intended to be used for search and rescue operations.

(3) (a) Not less than 50% of the money in the account must be used by the department to defray costs of:

(i) local search and rescue units for search and rescue missions conducted through a county sheriff's office at a maximum of \$3,000 for each rescue mission, regardless of the number of counties or county search and rescue organizations involved. To fulfill the purposes of this subsection (3)(a)(i), the department shall transmit reimbursement money to the county treasurer, who shall deposit the funds in a separate search and rescue fund accessible by the local search and rescue unit that requested the reimbursement. The county treasurer shall notify the reimbursed local search and rescue unit by mail when the deposit occurs.

(ii) a county sheriff's office at a maximum of \$3,000 for each rescue mission, regardless of the number of counties or county search and rescue organizations involved.

(b) The remaining money in the account may be used by the department:

(i) to match local funds for the purchase of equipment for use by local search and rescue units at a maximum of \$2,000 for each unit in a calendar year. The cost-sharing match must be 35% local funds to 65% from the account.

(ii) for reimbursement of expenses related to the training of search and rescue volunteers.

(4) The department may adopt rules to implement the proper administration of the account. The rules may include:

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(a) a method of reimbursing local search and rescue units or a county sheriff's office, on a case-by-case basis, for authorized search and rescue operations conducted pursuant to subsection (3)(a), including verification of search missions, claims procedures, fiscal accountability, and the number and circumstances of search missions involving persons engaged in hunting, fishing, and trapping in a fiscal year;

(b) methods for processing requests for equipment matching funds and training funds made pursuant to subsection (3)(b), including any verification and accounting necessary to ensure that the provisions of subsection (3)(b) are met, and determining the percentage of all search missions involving persons engaged in hunting, fishing, or trapping in a fiscal year;

(c) a system involving input from representatives of county sheriff organizations and state and local search and rescue organizations for assistance in verifying and processing claims for reimbursement, equipment, and training; and

(d) a method for compiling and keeping current a contact list of all search and rescue units in Montana and in neighboring states and provinces in order to ensure collaboration, communication, and cooperation between the various county search and rescue units and between the department and the county units and dedication of a page on the department's website for posting the contact list and other relevant search and rescue information."

Section 6. Section 15-1-122, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-1-122. Fund transfers. (1) There is transferred from the state general fund to the adoption services account, provided for in 42-2-105, a base amount of \$36,764, and the amount of the transfer must be increased by 10% in each succeeding fiscal year.

(2) There is transferred from the state general fund to the department of transportation state special revenue nonrestricted account a base amount of \$3,050,205, increased by 1.5% in each succeeding fiscal year.

(3)(2) For each fiscal year, there is transferred from the state general fund to the accounts, entities, or recipients indicated the following amounts:

(a) to the motor vehicle recycling and disposal program provided for in Title 75, chapter 10, part 5, 1.48% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year. The amount of 9.48% of the allocation in each fiscal year must be used for the purpose of reimbursing the hired removal of abandoned vehicles. Any portion of the allocation not used for abandoned vehicle removal reimbursement must be used as provided in 75-10-532.

(b) to the noxious weed state special revenue account provided for in 80-7-816, 1.50% of the motor

vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year;

(c) to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks:

(i) 0.46% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund, with the applicable percentage to be:

(A) used to:

(I) acquire and maintain pumpout equipment and other boat facilities, 4.8% in each fiscal year;

(II) administer and enforce the provisions of Title 23, chapter 2, part 5, 19.1% in each fiscal year;

(III) enforce the provisions of 23-2-804, 11.1% in each fiscal year; and

(IV) develop and implement a comprehensive program and to plan appropriate off-highway vehicle recreational use, 16.7% in each fiscal year; and

(B) deposited in the state special revenue fund established in 23-1-105 in an amount equal to 48.3% in each fiscal year;

(ii) 0.10% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year, with 50% of the amount to be used for enforcing the purposes of 23-2-601, 23-2-602, 23-2-611, 23-2-614 through 23-2-618, 23-2-621, 23-2-622, 23-2-631 through 23-2-635, and 23-2-641 through 23-2-644 and 50% of the amount designated for use in the development, maintenance, and operation of snowmobile facilities; and

(iii) 0.16% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year to be deposited in the motorboat account to be used as provided in 23-2-533;

(d) 0.64% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year, with 24.55% to be deposited in the state veterans' cemetery account provided for in 10-2-603 and with 75.45% to be deposited in the veterans' services account provided for in 10-2-112(1);

(e) 0.30% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year for deposit in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the senior citizens and persons with disabilities transportation services account provided for in 7-14-112; and

(f) to the search and rescue account provided for in 10-3-801, 0.04% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year.

(4)(3) For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund" means revenue received from:

(a) fees for issuing a motor vehicle title paid pursuant to 61-3-203;

(b) fees, fees in lieu of taxes, and taxes for vehicles, vessels, and snowmobiles registered or reregistered pursuant to 61-3-321 and 61-3-562;

(c) GVW fees for vehicles registered for licensing pursuant to Title 61, chapter 3, part 3; and

(d) all money collected pursuant to 15-1-504(3).

(5)(4) The amounts transferred from the general fund to the designated recipient must be appropriated as state special revenue in the general appropriations act for the designated purposes."

Section 7. Section 15-35-108, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-35-108. (Temporary) Disposal of severance taxes. Severance taxes collected under this chapter must, in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124, be allocated as follows:

(1) Fifty percent of total coal severance tax collections is allocated to the trust fund created by Article IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution. The trust fund money must be deposited in the fund established under 17-6-203(6) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law.

(2) The amount of 12% of coal severance tax collections is allocated to the long-range building program account established in 17-7-205.

(3) The amount of 5.46% must be credited to an account in the state special revenue fund to be allocated by the legislature for provision of basic library services for the residents of all counties through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking, conservation districts, and the Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act, <u>AND FOR THE BIENNIUM BEGINNING JULY 1</u>, 2009, <u>SUPPORT FOR THE RAIL</u> <u>TRANSIT AUTHORITY</u>. Expenditures of the allocation may be made only from this account. Money may not be transferred from this account to another account other than the general fund. Any <u>Beginning July 1</u>, 2012, any unreserved fund balance at the end of each fiscal year must be deposited in the general fund.

(4) The amount of 1.27% must be allocated to a permanent fund account for the purpose of parks acquisition or management. Income from this permanent fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of any sites and areas described in 23-1-102.

(5) The amount of 0.95% must be allocated to the debt service fund type to the credit of the renewable resource loan debt service fund.

(6) The amount of 0.63% must be allocated to a trust fund for the purpose of protection of works of art in the capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this trust fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for protection of works of art in the state capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects.

(7) The amount of 2.9% must be credited to the oil, gas, and coal natural resource account established

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in 90-6-1001.

(8) After the allocations are made under subsections (2) through (7), \$250,000 for the fiscal year must be credited to the coal and uranium mine permitting and reclamation program account established in 82-4-244.

(9) (a) Subject to subsection (9)(b), all other revenue from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter must be credited to the general fund of the state.

(b) The interest income from \$140 million of the coal severance tax permanent fund that is deposited in the general fund is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, on an annual basis as follows:

(i) \$65,000 to the cooperative development center;

(ii) \$1.25 million for the growth through agriculture program provided for in Title 90, chapter 9;

(iii) \$3.65 million to the research and commercialization state special revenue account created in 90-3-1002;

(iv) to the department of commerce:

(A) \$125,000 for a small business development center;

(B) \$50,000 for a small business innovative research program;

(C) \$425,000 for certified regional development corporations;

(D) \$200,000 for the Montana manufacturing extension center at Montana state university-Bozeman; and

(E) \$300,000 for export trade enhancement. (Terminates June 30, 2010--sec. 6, Ch. 481, L. 2003.)

15-35-108. (Effective July 1, 2010) Disposal of severance taxes. Severance taxes collected under this chapter must, in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124, be allocated as follows:

(1) Fifty percent of total coal severance tax collections is allocated to the trust fund created by Article IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution. The trust fund money must be deposited in the fund established under 17-6-203(6) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law.

(2) The amount of 12% of coal severance tax collections is allocated to the long-range building program account established in 17-7-205.

(3) The amount of 5.46% must be credited to an account in the state special revenue fund to be allocated by the legislature for provision of basic library services for the residents of all counties through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking, conservation districts, and the Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act, <u>AND FOR THE BIENNIUM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009, SUPPORT FOR THE RAIL</u> <u>TRANSIT AUTHORITY</u>. Expenditures of the allocation may be made only from this account. Money may not be transferred from this account to another account other than the general fund. Any <u>Beginning July 1, 2012, any</u>

unreserved fund balance at the end of each fiscal year must be deposited in the general fund.

(4) The amount of 1.27% must be allocated to a permanent fund account for the purpose of parks acquisition or management. Income from this permanent fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of any sites and areas described in 23-1-102.

(5) The amount of 0.95% must be allocated to the debt service fund type to the credit of the renewable resource loan debt service fund.

(6) The amount of 0.63% must be allocated to a trust fund for the purpose of protection of works of art in the capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this trust fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for protection of works of art in the state capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects.

(7) The amount of 2.9% must be credited to the oil, gas, and coal natural resource account established in 90-6-1001.

(8) After the allocations are made under subsections (2) through (7), \$250,000 for the fiscal year must be credited to the coal and uranium mine permitting and reclamation program account established in 82-4-244.

(9) All other revenue from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter must be credited to the general fund of the state."

Section 8. Section 15-38-301, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-38-301. Natural resources operations state special revenue account created -- revenue allocated -- appropriations from account. (1) There is a natural resources operations state special revenue account within the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102.

(2) Except to the extent required to be credited to the renewable resource loan debt service fund pursuant to 85-1-603, there must be paid into the natural resources operations state special revenue account:

(a) the interest income of the resource indemnity trust fund as provided in and subject to the conditions of 15-38-202;

(b) the metal mines license tax proceeds as provided in 15-37-117(1)(d);

(c) the oil and natural gas production tax as provided in 15-36-331; and

(d) any fees or charges collected by the department pursuant to 85-1-616 for the servicing of loans,

including arrangements for obtaining security interests; and

(e) fund transfers by the legislature.

(3) Appropriations may be made from the natural resources operations state special revenue account for administrative expenses, including salaries and expenses for personnel and equipment, office space, and other expenses necessarily incurred in the administration of natural resources operations."

Section 9. Section 16-11-119, MCA, is amended to read:

"16-11-119. Disposition of taxes. (1) Cigarette taxes collected under the provisions of 16-11-111 must, in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124, be deposited as follows:

(a) 8.3% or \$2 million, whichever is greater, in <u>an account in</u> the state special revenue fund to the credit of the department of public health and human services for the operation and maintenance of state veterans' nursing homes;. The department of public health and human services may not expend more money from the account than is appropriated by the legislature. Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the department may not transfer funds in the account or expenditure authority related to the account pursuant to 17-7-139, 17-7-301, or 17-8-101.

(b) 2.6% in the long-range building program account provided for in 17-7-205;

(c) 44% in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the health and medicaid initiatives account provided for in 53-6-1201; and

(d) the remainder to the state general fund.

(2) If money in the state special revenue fund <u>account</u> for the operation and maintenance of state veterans' nursing homes exceeds \$2 million at the end of the fiscal year, the excess must be transferred to the state general fund.

(3) The taxes collected on tobacco products, other than cigarettes, must in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124 be deposited as follows:

(a) one-half in the state general fund; and

(b) one-half in the state special revenue fund account for health and medicaid initiatives provided for in 53-6-1201."

SECTION 10. SECTION 17-6-606, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"17-6-606. Tobacco settlement accounts -- purpose -- uses. (1) The purpose of this section is to dedicate a portion of the tobacco settlement proceeds to fund statewide programs for tobacco disease prevention designed to:

(a) discourage children from starting use of tobacco;

(b) assist adults in quitting use of tobacco;

(c) provide funds for the children's health insurance program healthy Montana kids plan provided for in <u>Title 53, chapter 4, part 11;</u> and

(d) provide funds for the comprehensive health association programs.

(2) An amount equal to 32% of the total yearly tobacco settlement proceeds received after June 30, 2003, must be deposited in a state special revenue account. Subject to subsection (5), the funds referred to in this subsection may be used only for funding statewide programs for tobacco disease prevention designed to prevent children from starting tobacco use and to help adults who want to quit tobacco use. The department of public health and human services shall manage the tobacco disease prevention programs and shall adopt rules to implement the programs. In adopting rules, the department shall consider the standards contained in Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs--August 1999 or its successor document, published by the U.S. department of health and human services, centers for disease control and prevention.

(3) An amount equal to 17% of the total yearly tobacco settlement proceeds received after June 30, 2003, must be deposited in a state special revenue account. Subject to subsection (5), the funds referred to in this subsection may be used only for:

(a) matching funds to secure the maximum amount of federal funds for the Children's Health Insurance Program Act healthy Montana kids plan provided for in Title 53, chapter 4, part 10 <u>11</u>; and

(b) programs of the comprehensive health association provided for in Title 33, chapter 22, part 15, with funding use subject to 33-22-1513.

(4) Funds deposited in a state special revenue account, as provided in subsection (2) or (3), that are not appropriated within 2 years after the date of deposit must be transferred to the trust fund.

(5) The legislature shall appropriate money from the state special revenue accounts provided for in this section for programs for tobacco disease prevention, for the programs referred to in the subsection establishing the account, and for funding the tobacco prevention advisory board.

(6) Programs funded under this section that are private in nature may be funded through contracted services."

SECTION 11. SECTION 17-7-102, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"17-7-102. (Temporary) Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Additional services" means different services or more of the same services.

(2) "Agency" means all offices, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, universities, colleges,

and any other person or any other administrative unit of state government that spends or encumbers public money by virtue of an appropriation from the legislature under 17-8-101.

(3) "Approving authority" means:

(a) the governor or the governor's designated representative for executive branch agencies;

(b) the chief justice of the supreme court or the chief justice's designated representative for judicial branch agencies;

(c) the speaker for the house of representatives;

(d) the president for the senate;

(e) appropriate legislative committees or a designated representative for legislative branch agencies;

or

(f) the board of regents of higher education or its designated representative for the university system.

(4) (a) "Base budget" means the resources for the operation of state government that are of an ongoing and nonextraordinary nature in the current biennium. The base budget for the state general fund and state special revenue funds may not exceed that level of funding authorized by the previous legislature.

(b) The term does not include funding for water adjudication if the accountability benchmarks contained in 85-2-271 are not met.

(5) "Budget amendment" means a temporary appropriation as provided in Title 17, chapter 7, part 4.

(6) "Emergency" means a catastrophe, disaster, calamity, or other serious unforeseen and unanticipated circumstance that has occurred subsequent to the time that an agency's appropriation was made, that was clearly not within the contemplation of the legislature and the governor, and that affects one or more functions of a state agency and the agency's expenditure requirements for the performance of the function or functions.

(7) "Funds subject to appropriation" means those funds required to be paid out of the treasury as set forth in 17-8-101.

(8) "Necessary" means essential to the public welfare and of a nature that cannot wait until the next legislative session for legislative consideration.

(9) "New proposals" means requests to provide new nonmandated services, to change program services, to eliminate existing services, or to change sources of funding. For purposes of establishing the present law base, the distinction between new proposals and the adjustments to the base budget to develop the present law base is to be determined by the existence of constitutional or statutory requirements for the proposed expenditure. Any proposed increase or decrease that is not based on those requirements is considered a new proposal.

(10) (a) "Present law base" means, subject to subsection (10)(b), that level of funding needed under present law to maintain operations and services at the level authorized by the previous legislature, including but not limited to:

(a)(i) changes resulting from legally mandated workload, caseload, or enrollment increases or decreases;

(b)(ii) changes in funding requirements resulting from constitutional or statutory schedules or formulas;

(c)(iii) inflationary or deflationary adjustments; and

(d)(iv) elimination of nonrecurring appropriations.

(b) For the budget for the 2011 legislative session, present law base must be adjusted by reducing general fund budgets by the equivalent of that portion of the 2% across-the-board reduction assessed by the 61st legislature on selected agencies that was allocated by those agencies to personal services in the 2011 biennium. The director of the governor's office of budget and program planning and the legislative fiscal analyst shall agree on a mechanism for determining how agencies have allocated this reduction.

(11) "Program" means a principal organizational or budgetary unit within an agency.

(12) "Requesting agency" means the agency of state government that has requested a specific budget amendment.

(13) "University system unit" means the board of regents of higher education; office of the commissioner of higher education; university of Montana, with campuses at Missoula, Butte, Dillon, and Helena; Montana state university, with campuses at Bozeman, Billings, Havre, and Great Falls; the agricultural experiment station, with central offices at Bozeman; the forest and conservation experiment station, with central offices at Missoula; the cooperative extension service, with central offices at Bozeman; the bureau of mines and geology, with central offices at Butte; the fire services training school at Great Falls; and the community colleges at Miles City, Glendive, and Kalispell. (Terminates June 30, 2020--sec. 11, Ch. 319, L. 2007.)

17-7-102. (Effective July 1, 2020) Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Additional services" means different services or more of the same services.

(2) "Agency" means all offices, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, universities, colleges, and any other person or any other administrative unit of state government that spends or encumbers public money by virtue of an appropriation from the legislature under 17-8-101.

(3) "Approving authority" means:

(a) the governor or the governor's designated representative for executive branch agencies;

(b) the chief justice of the supreme court or the chief justice's designated representative for judicial branch agencies;

(c) the speaker for the house of representatives;

(d) the president for the senate;

(e) appropriate legislative committees or a designated representative for legislative branch agencies;

or

(f) the board of regents of higher education or its designated representative for the university system.

(4) "Base budget" means the resources for the operation of state government that are of an ongoing and nonextraordinary nature in the current biennium. The base budget for the state general fund and state special revenue funds may not exceed that level of funding authorized by the previous legislature.

(5) "Budget amendment" means a temporary appropriation as provided in Title 17, chapter 7, part 4.

(6) "Emergency" means a catastrophe, disaster, calamity, or other serious unforeseen and unanticipated circumstance that has occurred subsequent to the time that an agency's appropriation was made, that was clearly not within the contemplation of the legislature and the governor, and that affects one or more functions of a state agency and the agency's expenditure requirements for the performance of the function or functions.

(7) "Funds subject to appropriation" means those funds required to be paid out of the treasury as set forth in 17-8-101.

(8) "Necessary" means essential to the public welfare and of a nature that cannot wait until the next legislative session for legislative consideration.

(9) "New proposals" means requests to provide new nonmandated services, to change program services, to eliminate existing services, or to change sources of funding. For purposes of establishing the present law base, the distinction between new proposals and the adjustments to the base budget to develop the present law base is to be determined by the existence of constitutional or statutory requirements for the proposed expenditure. Any proposed increase or decrease that is not based on those requirements is considered a new proposal.

(10) "Present law base" means that level of funding needed under present law to maintain operations and services at the level authorized by the previous legislature, including but not limited to:

(a) changes resulting from legally mandated workload, caseload, or enrollment increases or decreases;

(b) changes in funding requirements resulting from constitutional or statutory schedules or formulas;

(c) inflationary or deflationary adjustments; and

(d) elimination of nonrecurring appropriations.

(11) "Program" means a principal organizational or budgetary unit within an agency.

(12) "Requesting agency" means the agency of state government that has requested a specific budget

amendment.

(13) "University system unit" means the board of regents of higher education; office of the commissioner of higher education; university of Montana, with campuses at Missoula, Butte, Dillon, and Helena; Montana state university, with campuses at Bozeman, Billings, Havre, and Great Falls; the agricultural experiment station, with central offices at Bozeman; the forest and conservation experiment station, with central offices at Missoula; the cooperative extension service, with central offices at Bozeman; the bureau of mines and geology, with central offices at Butte; the fire services training school at Great Falls; and the community colleges at Miles City, Glendive, and Kalispell."

Section 12. Section 17-7-111, MCA, is amended to read:

"17-7-111. Preparation of state budget -- agency program budgets -- form distribution and contents. (1) (a) To prepare a state budget, the executive branch, the legislature, and the citizens of the state need information that is consistent and accurate. Necessary information includes detailed disbursements by fund type for each agency and program for the appropriate time period, recommendations for creating a balanced budget, and recommended disbursements and estimated receipts by fund type and fund category.

(b) Subject to the requirements of this chapter, the budget director and the legislative fiscal analyst shall by agreement:

(i) establish necessary standards, formats, and other matters necessary to share information between the agencies and to ensure that information is consistent and accurate for the preparation of the state's budget; and

(ii) provide for the collection and provision of budgetary and financial information that is in addition to or different from the information otherwise required to be provided pursuant to this section.

(2) In the preparation of a state budget, the budget director shall, not later than the date specified in 17-7-112(1), distribute to all agencies the proper forms and instructions necessary for the preparation of budget estimates by the budget director. These forms must be prescribed by the budget director to procure the information required by subsection (3). The forms must be submitted to the budget director by the date provided in 17-7-112(2)(a) or the agency's budget is subject to preparation based upon estimates as provided in 17-7-112(5). The budget director may refuse to accept forms that do not comply with the provisions of this section or the instructions given for completing the forms.

(3) The Subject to subsection SUBSECTIONS (7) AND (8), the agency budget request must set forth a balanced financial plan for the agency completing the forms for each fiscal year of the ensuing biennium. The plan

must consist of:

(a) a consolidated agency budget summary of funds subject to appropriation or enterprise funds that transfer profits to the general fund or to an account subject to appropriation for the current base budget expenditures, including statutory appropriations, and for each present law adjustment and new proposal request setting forth the aggregate figures of the full-time equivalent personnel positions (FTE) and the budget, showing a balance between the total proposed disbursements and the total anticipated receipts, together with the other means of financing the budget for each fiscal year of the ensuing biennium, contrasted with the corresponding figures for the last-completed fiscal year and the fiscal year in progress;

(b) a schedule of the actual and projected receipts, disbursements, and solvency of each fund for the current biennium and estimated for the subsequent biennium;

(c) a statement of the agency mission and a statement of goals and objectives for each program of the agency. The goals and objectives must include, in a concise form, sufficient specific information and quantifiable information to enable the legislature to formulate an appropriations policy regarding the agency and its programs and to allow a determination, at some future date, on whether the agency has succeeded in attaining its goals and objectives.

(d) actual FTE and disbursements for the completed fiscal year of the current biennium, estimated FTE and disbursements for the current fiscal year, and the agency's request for the ensuing biennium, by program;

(e) actual disbursements for the completed fiscal year of the current biennium, estimated disbursements for the current fiscal year, and the agency's recommendations for the ensuing biennium, by disbursement category;

(f) for only agencies with more than 20 FTE, a plan to reduce the proposed base budget for the general appropriations act and the proposed state pay plan to 95% of the current base budget or lower if directed by the budget director. Each agency plan must include base budget reductions that reflect the required percentage reduction by fund type for the general fund and state special revenue fund types. Exempt from the calculations of the 5% target amounts are legislative audit costs, administratively attached entities that hire their own staff under 2-15-121, and state special revenue accounts that do not transfer their investment earnings or fund balances to the general fund. The plan must include:

(i) a prioritized list of services that would be eliminated or reduced;

(ii) for each service included in the prioritized list, the savings that would result from the elimination or reduction; and

(iii) the consequences or impacts of the proposed elimination or reduction of each service.

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(g) a reference for each new information technology proposal stating whether the new proposal is included in the approved agency information technology plan as required in 2-17-523; and

(h) other information the budget director feels is necessary for the preparation of a budget.

(4) The budget director shall prepare and submit to the legislative fiscal analyst in accordance with 17-7-112:

(a) detailed recommendations for the state long-range building program. Each recommendation must be presented by institution, agency, or branch, by funding source, with a description of each proposed project.

(b) a statewide project budget summary as provided in 2-17-526;

(c) the proposed pay plan schedule for all executive branch employees at the program level by fund, with the specific cost and funding recommendations for each agency. Submission of a pay plan schedule under this subsection is not an unfair labor practice under 39-31-401.

(d) agency proposals for the use of cultural and aesthetic project grants under Title 22, chapter 2, part 3, the renewable resource grant and loan program under Title 85, chapter 1, part 6, the reclamation and development grants program under Title 90, chapter 2, part 11, and the treasure state endowment program under Title 90, chapter 6, part 7.

(5) The board of regents shall submit, with its budget request for each university unit in accordance with 17-7-112, a report on the university system bonded indebtedness and related finances as provided in this subsection (5). The report must include the following information for each year of the biennium, contrasted with the same information for the last-completed fiscal year and the fiscal year in progress:

(a) a schedule of estimated total bonded indebtedness for each university unit by bond indenture;

(b) a schedule of estimated revenue, expenditures, and fund balances by fiscal year for each outstanding bond indenture, clearly delineating the accounts relating to each indenture and the minimum legal funding requirements for each bond indenture; and

(c) a schedule showing the total funds available from each bond indenture and its associated accounts, with a list of commitments and planned expenditures from such accounts, itemized by revenue source and project for each year of the current and ensuing bienniums.

(6) (a) The department of revenue shall make Montana individual income tax information available by removing names, addresses, and social security numbers and substituting in their place a state accounting record identifier number. Except for the purposes of complying with federal law, the department may not alter the data in any other way.

(b) The department of revenue shall provide the name and address of a taxpayer on written request of

the budget director when the values on the requested return, including estimated payments, are considered necessary by the budget director to properly analyze state revenue and are of a sufficient magnitude to materially affect the analysis and when the identity of the taxpayer is necessary to evaluate the effect of the return or payments on the analysis being performed.

(7) (a) The department of public health and human services' budget request for the 2013 biennium must identify changes necessary to reduce the 2013 biennium expenditures to the level funded in the general appropriations act. The department may include changes such as reducing administrative costs, developing more cost-efficient methods to deliver services, limiting the number of medicaid services that adults may receive, changing medicaid services included in the Montana medicaid state plan, changing eligibility or level-of-care requirements for medicaid waiver services, limiting or changing services that are fully state-funded, or implementing other initiatives that reduce state funds. Achieving the necessary general fund reduction in the 2013 biennium budget request may not include shifting costs to state special revenue funds.

(b) The department of public health and human services shall prepare a work plan with goals, milestones, and measures to guide its review of alternatives to identify, evaluate, and select initiatives to reduce ongoing state spending in its 2013 biennium budget submission. The department shall submit the work plan, goals, milestones, and measures to the legislative finance committee at its first meeting after the adjournment of the 2009 legislative session for its review and comment. The department shall provide an update of its budget reduction for review and comment at each legislative finance committee meeting in a format developed with and agreed upon by the committee.

(8) EACH AGENCY BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE 2013 BIENNIUM MUST INCLUDE THE ADJUSTMENTS TO PRESENT LAW BASE SPECIFIED IN 17-7-102(10)(B)."

SECTION 13. SECTION 17-7-304, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"17-7-304. Disposal of unexpended appropriations. (1) All money appropriated for any specific purpose except that appropriated for the university system units listed in subsection (2) [or state money appropriated for the state children's health insurance program provided for in Title 53, chapter 4, part 10,] and except as provided in subsection (4) must, after the expiration of the time for which appropriated, revert to the several funds and accounts from which originally appropriated. However, any unexpended balance in any specific appropriation may be used for the years for which the appropriation was made or may be used to fund the provisions of 2-18-1203 through 2-18-1205 and 19-2-706 in the succeeding year.

(2) Except as provided in 17-2-108 and subsection (3) of this section, all money appropriated for the

university of Montana campuses at Missoula, Butte, Dillon, and Helena and the Montana state university campuses at Bozeman, Billings, Havre, and Great Falls, the agricultural experiment station with central offices at Bozeman, the forest and conservation experiment station with central offices at Missoula, the cooperative extension service with central offices at Bozeman, and the bureau of mines and geology with central offices in Butte must, after the expiration of the time for which appropriated, revert to an account held by the board of regents. The board of regents is authorized to maintain a fund balance. There is a statutory appropriation, as provided in 17-7-502, to use the funds held in this account in accordance with a long-term plan for major and deferred maintenance expenditures and equipment or fixed assets purchases prepared by the affected university system units and approved by the board of regents. The affected university system units may, with the approval of the board of regents shall communicate the plan to each legislature, to the finance committee when requested by the committee, and to the office of budget and program planning.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to reversions that are the result of a reduction in spending directed by the governor pursuant to 17-7-140. Any amount that is a result of a reduction in spending directed by the governor must revert to the fund or account from which it was originally appropriated.

(4) (a) Subject to subsection (4)(b), after the end of a fiscal year, 30% of the money appropriated to an agency for that year by the general appropriations act for personal services, operating expenses, and equipment, by fund type, and remaining unexpended and unencumbered at the end of the year may be reappropriated to be spent during the following 2 years for any purpose that is consistent with the goals and objectives of the agency. The dollar amount of the 30% amount that may be carried forward and spent must be determined by the office of budget and program planning.

(b) (i) Any portion of the 30% of the unexpended and unencumbered money referred to in subsection (4)(a) that was appropriated to a legislative branch entity may be deposited in the account established in 5-11-407.

(ii) After the end of a biennium, any portion of the unexpended and unencumbered money appropriated for the operation of the preceding legislature in a separate appropriation act may be deposited in the account established in 5-11-407. The approving authority shall determine the portion of the unexpended and unencumbered money that is deposited in the account. (Bracketed language terminates on occurrence of contingency--sec. 7, Ch. 565, L. 2005.)"

SECTION 14. SECTION 20-9-306, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"20-9-306. Definitions. As used in this title, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:

(1) "BASE" means base amount for school equity.

(2) "BASE aid" means:

(a) direct state aid for 44.7% of the basic entitlement and 44.7% of the total per-ANB entitlement for the general fund budget of a district;

(b) guaranteed tax base aid for an eligible district for any amount up to 35.3% of the basic entitlement, up to 35.3% of the total per-ANB entitlement budgeted in the general fund budget of a district, and 40% of the special education allowable cost payment;

(c) the total quality educator payment;

(d) the total at-risk student payment;

(e) the total Indian education for all payment; and

(f) the total American Indian achievement gap payment.

(3) "BASE budget" means the minimum general fund budget of a district, which includes 80% of the basic entitlement, 80% of the total per-ANB entitlement, 100% of the total quality educator payment, 100% of the total at-risk student payment, 100% of the total Indian education for all payment, 100% of the total American Indian achievement gap payment, and 140% of the special education allowable cost payment.

(4) "BASE budget levy" means the district levy in support of the BASE budget of a district, which may be supplemented by guaranteed tax base aid if the district is eligible under the provisions of 20-9-366 through 20-9-369.

(5) "BASE funding program" means the state program for the equitable distribution of the state's share of the cost of Montana's basic system of public elementary schools and high schools, through county equalization aid as provided in 20-9-331 and 20-9-333 and state equalization aid as provided in 20-9-343, in support of the BASE budgets of districts and special education allowable cost payments as provided in 20-9-321.

(6) "Basic entitlement" means:

(a) for each high school district:

(i) \$236,552 \$246,085 for fiscal year 2008 2010; and

(ii) \$243,649 <u>\$248,546</u> for each succeeding fiscal year;

(b) for each elementary school district or K-12 district elementary program without an approved and accredited junior high school, 7th and 8th grade program, or middle school:

(i) <u>\$21,290</u> <u>\$22,141</u> for fiscal year 2008 <u>2010</u>;

(ii) \$21,922 \$22,362 for each succeeding fiscal year; and

(c) for each elementary school district or K-12 district elementary program with an approved and accredited junior high school, 7th and 8th grade program, or middle school:

(i) for kindergarten through grade 6 elementary program:

(A) \$21,290 \$22,141 for fiscal year 2008 2010; and

(B) \$21,922 \$22,362 for each succeeding fiscal year; plus

(ii) for an approved and accredited junior high school program, 7th and 8th grade program, or middle school:

(A) \$60,275 \$62,704 for fiscal year 2008 2010; and

(B) \$62,083 <u>\$63,331</u> for each succeeding fiscal year.

(7) "Budget unit" means the unit for which the ANB of a district is calculated separately pursuant to 20-9-311.

(8) "Direct state aid" means 44.7% of the basic entitlement and 44.7% of the total per-ANB entitlement for the general fund budget of a district and funded with state and county equalization aid.

(9) "Maximum general fund budget" means a district's general fund budget amount calculated from the basic entitlement for the district, the total per-ANB entitlement for the district, the total quality educator payment, the total at-risk student payment, the total Indian education for all payment, the total American Indian achievement gap payment, and the greater of:

(a) 175% of special education allowable cost payments; or

(b) the ratio, expressed as a percentage, of the district's special education allowable cost expenditures to the district's special education allowable cost payment for the fiscal year that is 2 years previous, with a maximum allowable ratio of 200%.

(10) "Over-BASE budget levy" means the district levy in support of any general fund amount budgeted that is above the BASE budget and below the maximum general fund budget for a district.

(11) "Total American Indian achievement gap payment" means the payment resulting from multiplying\$200 times the number of American Indian students enrolled in the district as provided in 20-9-330.

(12) "Total at-risk student payment" means the payment resulting from the distribution of any funds appropriated for the purposes of 20-9-328.

(13) "Total Indian education for all payment" means the payment resulting from multiplying \$20.40 times the ANB of the district or \$100 for each district, whichever is greater, as provided for in 20-9-329.

(14) "Total per-ANB entitlement" means the district entitlement resulting from the following calculations

and using either the current year ANB or the 3-year ANB provided for in 20-9-311:

(a) for a high school district or a K-12 district high school program, a maximum rate of \$5,861 \$6,097 for fiscal year 2008 2010 and \$6,037 \$6,158 for each succeeding fiscal year for the first ANB, decreased at the rate of 50 cents per ANB for each additional ANB of the district up through 800 ANB, with each ANB in excess of 800 receiving the same amount of entitlement as the 800th ANB;

(b) for an elementary school district or a K-12 district elementary program without an approved and accredited junior high school, 7th and 8th grade program, or middle school, a maximum rate of $\frac{4,579}{4,763}$ for fiscal year $\frac{2008}{2010}$ and $\frac{4,716}{4,811}$ for each succeeding fiscal year for the first ANB, decreased at the rate of 20 cents per ANB for each additional ANB of the district up through 1,000 ANB, with each ANB in excess of 1,000 receiving the same amount of entitlement as the 1,000th ANB; and

(c) for an elementary school district or a K-12 district elementary program with an approved and accredited junior high school, 7th and 8th grade program, or middle school, the sum of:

(i) a maximum rate of \$4,579 \$4,763 for fiscal year 2008 2010 and \$4,716 \$4,811 for each succeeding fiscal year for the first ANB for kindergarten through grade 6, decreased at the rate of 20 cents per ANB for each additional ANB up through 1,000 ANB, with each ANB in excess of 1,000 receiving the same amount of entitlement as the 1,000th ANB; and

(ii) a maximum rate of \$5,861 <u>\$6,097</u> for fiscal year 2008 <u>2010</u> and \$6,037 <u>\$6,158</u> for each succeeding fiscal year for the first ANB for grades 7 and 8, decreased at the rate of 50 cents per ANB for each additional ANB for grades 7 and 8 up through 800 ANB, with each ANB in excess of 800 receiving the same amount of entitlement as the 800th ANB.

(15) "Total quality educator payment" means the payment resulting from multiplying \$3,036 for fiscal year 2008 and \$3,042 for each succeeding fiscal year times the number of full-time equivalent educators as provided in 20-9-327."

SECTION 15. SECTION 33-2-708, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"33-2-708. Fees and licenses. (1) (a) Except as provided in 33-17-212(2), the commissioner shall collect a fee of \$1,900 from each insurer applying for or annually renewing a certificate of authority to conduct the business of insurance in Montana.

- (b) The commissioner shall collect certain additional fees as follows:
- (i) nonresident insurance producer's license:
- (A) application for original license, including issuance of license, if issued, \$100;

- (B) biennial renewal of license, \$50;
- (C) lapsed license reinstatement fee, \$100;
- (ii) resident insurance producer's license lapsed license reinstatement fee, \$100;
- (iii) surplus lines insurance producer's license:
- (A) application for original license and for issuance of license, if issued, \$50;
- (B) biennial renewal of license, \$100;
- (C) lapsed license reinstatement fee, \$200;
- (iv) insurance adjuster's license:
- (A) application for original license, including issuance of license, if issued, \$50;
- (B) biennial renewal of license, \$100;
- (C) lapsed license reinstatement fee, \$200;
- (v) insurance consultant's license:
- (A) application for original license, including issuance of license, if issued, \$50;
- (B) biennial renewal of license, \$100;
- (C) lapsed license reinstatement fee, \$200;
- (vi) viatical settlement broker's license:
- (A) application for original license, including issuance of license, if issued, \$50;
- (B) biennial renewal of license, \$100;
- (C) lapsed license reinstatement fee, \$200;
- (vii) resident and nonresident rental car entity producer's license:
- (A) application for original license, including issuance of license, if issued, \$100;
- (B) quarterly filing fee, \$25;

(viii) an original notification fee for a life insurance producer acting as a viatical settlement broker, in accordance with 33-20-1303(2)(b), \$50;

(ix) 50 cents for each page for copies of documents on file in the commissioner's office.

(c) The commissioner may adopt rules to determine the date by which a nonresident insurance producer, a surplus lines insurance producer, an insurance adjuster, or an insurance consultant is required to pay the fee for the biennial renewal of a license.

(2) (a) The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$75 for each course or program submitted for review as required by 33-17-1204 and 33-17-1205, but may not charge more than \$1,500 to a sponsoring organization submitting courses or programs for review in any biennium.

(b) Insurers and associations composed of members of the insurance industry are exempt from the charge in subsection (2)(a).

(3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), the <u>The</u> commissioner shall promptly deposit with the state treasurer to the credit of the general fund all fines and penalties and those amounts received pursuant to 33-2-311, 33-2-705, 33-28-201, and 50-3-109.

(b) The commissioner shall deposit 33% of the money collected under 33-2-705 in the special revenue account provided for in 53-4-1115.

(c)(b) All other fees collected by the commissioner pursuant to Title 33 and the rules adopted under Title 33 must be deposited in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the state auditor's office.

(4) All fees are considered fully earned when received. In the event of overpayment, only those amounts in excess of \$10 will be refunded."

Section 16. Section 47-1-201, MCA, is amended to read:

"47-1-201. Office of state public defender -- personnel -- compensation -- expenses <u>-- reports</u>. (1) There is an office of state public defender. The office must be located in Butte, Montana. The head of the office is the chief public defender, who is supervised by the commission.

(2) The chief public defender must be an attorney licensed to practice law in the state. The chief public defender is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the commission. The position of chief public defender is exempt from the state classification and pay plan, as provided in 2-18-103. The commission shall establish compensation for the position commensurate with the position's duties and responsibilities, taking into account the compensation paid to prosecutors with similar responsibilities.

(3) The chief public defender shall hire or contract for and supervise other personnel necessary to perform the function of the office and to implement the provisions of this chapter, including but not limited to:

(a) the following personnel who are exempt from the state classification and pay plan, as provided in 2-18-103:

(i) an administrative director, who must be experienced in business management and contract management;

(ii) a chief appellate defender;

(iii) a chief contract manager to oversee and enforce the contracting program;

(iv) a training coordinator, appointed as provided in 47-1-210;

(v) deputy public defenders, as provided in 47-1-215; and

(b) assistant public defenders; and

(c) other necessary administrative and professional support staff for the office.

(4) Positions established pursuant to subsections (3)(b) and (3)(c) are classified positions, and persons in those positions are entitled to salaries, wages, benefits, and expenses as provided in Title 2, chapter 18.

(5) Beginning July 1, 2006, the <u>The</u> following expenses are payable by the office if the expense is incurred at the request of a public defender:

(a) witness and interpreter fees and expenses provided in Title 26, chapter 2, part 5, and 46-15-116; and

(b) transcript fees, as provided in 3-5-604.

(6) If the costs to be paid pursuant to this section are not paid directly, reimbursement must be made within 30 days of the receipt of a claim.

(7) The office may accept gifts, grants, or donations, which must be deposited in the account provided for in 47-1-110.

(8) The chief public defender shall establish procedures to provide for the approval, payment, recording, reporting, and management of defense expenses paid pursuant to this section.

(9) (a) The office of public defender is required to report data for each fiscal year representing the caseload for the entire public defender system to the legislative finance committee. The report must include data for both employee and contract attorneys, the number of new cases opened, the number of cases closed, the number of cases that remain open and active, the number of cases that remain open but are inactive, and the average number of days between case opening and closure for each case type. The report for fiscal year 2009 must be provided to the legislative finance committee by January 1, 2010, and the report for fiscal year 2010 must be provided to the legislative finance committee by September 30, 2010.

(b) The office of public defender is required to report to the legislative finance committee for each fiscal year on the amount of funds collected as reimbursement for services rendered, including the number of cases for which a collection is made, the number of cases for which an amount is owed, the amount collected, and the amount remaining unpaid. The report for fiscal year 2009 must be provided to the legislative finance committee by January 1, 2010, and the report for fiscal year 2010 must be provided to the legislative finance committee by September 30, 2010."

Section 17. Section 53-4-212, MCA, is amended to read:

"53-4-212. Department to make adopt rules. (1) The department shall make adopt rules and take action as necessary or desirable for the administration of public assistance programs.

(2) The <u>Subject to subsection (3), the</u> department shall adopt rules that may include but are not limited to rules concerning:

(a) eligibility requirements, including gross and net income limitations, resource limitations, and income and resource exclusions;

(b) amounts of assistance, methods for computing benefit amounts, and the length of time for which benefits may be granted;

(c) the degree of kinship required for a person to qualify as a specified caretaker relative in order to be eligible for assistance;

(d) procedures and policies for employment and training programs, requirements for participation in employment and training programs, and exemptions, if any, from participation requirements;

(e) requirements for specified caretaker relatives, including cooperation with assessments, the number of hours of participation required for each month, specific activities required to address employment barriers, and other terms of performance;

(f) eligibility for and terms and conditions of child-care assistance for financial assistance recipients, including maximum amounts of assistance payable and amounts of copayments required by specified caretaker relatives;

(g) eligibility criteria and participation requirements for nonfinancial assistance recipients;

(h) terms of ineligibility or sanctions against a specified caretaker relative or other family member who fails to enter into a family investment agreement, as provided for in 53-4-606, or to comply with the individual's obligations under the agreement, including the length of the period of ineligibility, if any;

(i) requirements, if any, for participation in the employment and training demonstration project;

(j) eligibility for and terms and conditions of extended medical assistance benefits;

(k) reporting requirements;

(I) sanctions, disqualification, or other penalties for failure or refusal to comply with the rules or requirements of a public assistance program;

(m) exemptions from the 60-month limitation on assistance provided in 53-4-231 based on hardship or for families that include an individual who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty, as defined in section 103 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C. 608, including but not limited to the duration of the exemption;

(n) individuals who must be included as members of an assistance unit;

(o) categories of aliens who may receive assistance, if any;

(p) requirements relating to the assignment of child and medical support rights and cooperation in establishing paternity and obtaining child and medical support;

(q) requirements for eligibility and other terms and conditions of other programs to strengthen and preserve families;

(r) special eligibility or participation requirements applicable to teenage parents, if any;

(s) conditions under which assistance may be continued when an adult or a dependent child is temporarily absent from the home and the length of time for which assistance may be continued;

(t) any random drug testing or reporting requirements for persons who are required to comply with the conditions provided under 53-4-231(3) and graduated sanctions that may include terms of ineligibility for violations of conditions of supervision or treatment requirements. The department may enter into agreements with the department of corrections regarding testing and reporting on offenders under the supervision of the department of corrections.

(u) approved educational programs, appropriate educational courses of study, employee assessment instruments, and administration of the Montana parents as scholars program provided for in 53-4-209.

(3) By October 1, 2009, the department shall adopt rules establishing a net income limit of 250% of the current federal poverty level for federal funds or state general fund money used for participating families in the child care for working caretaker relatives program. The department may incorporate an earned income work disregard of \$200 and an additional 25% disregard from the household's gross income to determine the household's net income."

SECTION 18. SECTION 53-4-1004, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"53-4-1004. (Temporary) Eligibility for program -- rulemaking. (1) To be considered eligible for the program, a child:

(a) must be 18 years of age or younger;

(b) must have a combined family income at or below 250% 200% of the federal poverty level or at a lower level determined by the department of public health and human services as provided in subsection (4);

(c) may not already be covered by private insurance that offers creditable coverage, as defined in 42U.S.C. 300gg(c), for 3 months prior to enrollment in the program or since birth, whichever period is less;

(d) may not be eligible for medicaid benefits; and

(e) must be a United States citizen or qualified alien and a Montana resident.

(2) The department of public health and human services shall adopt rules that establish the program's

criteria for residency. The criteria must conform as nearly as practicable with the residency requirements for medicaid eligibility.

(3) Subject to 53-4-1009(3), rules governing eligibility may also include financial standards and criteria for income and resources, treatment of resources, and nonfinancial criteria.

(4) If the department determines that there is insufficient funding for the program, it may lower the percentage of the federal poverty level established in subsection (1)(b) in order to reduce the number of persons who may be eligible to participate or may limit the amount, scope, or duration of specific services provided. (Terminates on occurrence of contingency--sec. 15, Ch. 571, L. 1999; sec. 14, I.M. No. 155, approved November 4, 2008.)"

SECTION 19. SECTION 53-4-1005, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"53-4-1005. (Temporary) Benefits provided. (1) Benefits provided to participants in the program may include but are not limited to:

- (a) inpatient and outpatient hospital services;
- (b) physician and advanced practice registered nurse services;
- (c) laboratory and x-ray services;
- (d) well-child and well-baby services;
- (e) immunizations;
- (f) clinic services;
- (g) dental services;
- (h) prescription drugs;
- (i) mental health and substance abuse treatment services;
- (j) hearing and vision exams; and
- (k) eyeglasses.

(2) The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to its authority under 53-4-1009, allowing it to cover significant dental needs beyond those covered in the basic plan. Expenditures under this subsection may not exceed \$100,000 in state funds, plus any matched federal funds, each fiscal year.

(3) The department is specifically prohibited from providing payment for birth control contraceptives under this program. (Terminates on occurrence of contingency--sec. 15, Ch. 571, L. 1999; sec. 3, Ch. 169, L. 2007.)"

SECTION 20. SECTION 53-4-1012, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"53-4-1012. (Temporary) State special revenue account. (1) There is an account in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the state children's health insurance program administered by the department of public health and human services. Any interest or income derived from the account must be deposited in the account.

(2) Money deposited in this account must be used by the department to cover additional children, to expand eligibility within the limits provided in 53-4-1004, to reduce or maintain premiums, to pay health care claims, or to establish and maintain a reserve.

(3) The department shall transfer the unexpended balance of an appropriation into the account provided for in subsection (1) at the expiration of the appropriation to be used for the purposes stated in subsection (2). (Terminates on occurrence of contingency--sec. 7, Ch. 565, L. 2005; sec. 5, Ch. 129, L. 2007.)"

SECTION 21. SECTION 53-4-1115, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"53-4-1115. Special revenue account. (1) There is an account in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the department for the purposes provided in subsection (2). There must be paid into the account the amounts collected under 33-2-708(3)(b). Any interest or income derived from the account must be deposited in the account.

(2) Money in the account:

(a) is to be used solely to cover the number of additional enrollees in the plan that exceeds the number of enrollees as of November 4, 2008, within the limits provided in 53-4-1004, 53-6-131, and this part, and to cover the costs of enrollment, including premium assistance, under 53-4-1108(1), and to pay administrative costs associated with expanded eligibility, and to establish and maintain a reserve; and

(b) may be used only to match federal funds available under the children's health insurance program and the Montana medicaid program.

(3) The unexpended balance of an appropriation from the account must remain in the account and may be used only for the purposes stated in subsection (2).

(4) The special revenue account does not affect and is not exclusive of any other sources of funding for the programs described in 53-4-1104(2), including the special revenue account provided for in 53-4-1012.

(5) If the department determines that there is insufficient funding for the purposes of subsection (2), it may reduce eligibility requirements for participants in the children's health insurance program as provided in 53-4-1004(4)."

SECTION 22. SECTION 53-6-1201, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"53-6-1201. Special revenue fund -- health and medicaid initiatives. (1) There is a health and medicaid initiatives account in the state special revenue fund established by 17-2-102. This account is to be administered by the department of public health and human services.

- (2) There must be deposited in the account:
- (a) money from cigarette taxes deposited under 16-11-119(1)(c);
- (b) money from taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes deposited under 16-11-119(3)(b); and
- (c) any interest and income earned on the account.
- (3) This account may be used only to provide funding for:

(a) the state funds necessary to take full advantage of available federal matching funds in order to <u>administer the plan and</u> maximize enrollment of eligible children under the children's health insurance program <u>healthy Montana kids plan</u>, provided for under Title 53, chapter 4, part 10 <u>11</u>, and to provide outreach to the eligible children.; The increased revenue in this account is intended to increase enrollment rates for eligible children in the program and not to be used to support existing levels of enrollment based upon appropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2005.

(b) a new need-based prescription drug program established by the legislature for children, seniors, chronically ill, and disabled persons that does not supplant similar services provided under any existing program;

(c) increased medicaid services and medicaid provider rates. The increased revenue is intended to increase medicaid services and medicaid provider rates and not to supplant the general fund in the trended traditional level of appropriation for medicaid services and medicaid provider rates.

(d) an offset to loss of revenue to the general fund as a result of new tax credits;

(e) funding new programs to assist eligible small employers with the costs of providing health insurance benefits to eligible employees;

(f) the cost of administering the tax credit, the purchasing pool, and the premium incentive payments and premium assistance payments as provided in Title 33, chapter 22, part 20; and

(g) providing a state match for the medicaid program for premium incentive payments or premium assistance payments to the extent that a waiver is granted by federal law as provided in 53-2-216.

(4) (a) Except for \$1 million appropriated for the startup costs of 53-6-1004 and 53-6-1005, the money appropriated for fiscal year 2006 for the programs in subsections (3)(b) and (3)(d) through (3)(g) may not be expended until the office of budget and program planning has certified that \$25 million has been deposited in the account provided for in this section or December 1, 2005, whichever occurs earlier.

(b)(a) On or before July 1, the budget director shall calculate a balance required to sustain each program in subsection (3) for each fiscal year of the biennium. If the budget director certifies that the reserve balance will be sufficient, then the agencies may expend the revenue for the programs as appropriated. If the budget director determines that the reserve balance of the revenue will not support the level of appropriation, the budget director shall notify each agency. Upon receipt of the notification, the agency shall adjust the operating budget for the program to reflect the available revenue as determined by the budget director.

(c)(b) Until the programs or credits described in subsections (3)(b) and (3)(d) through (3)(g) are established, the funding must be used exclusively for the purposes described in subsections (3)(a) and (3)(c).

(5) The phrase "trended traditional level of appropriation", as used in subsection (3)(c), means the appropriation amounts, including supplemental appropriations, as those amounts were set based on eligibility standards, services authorized, and payment amount during the past five biennial budgets.

(6) The department of public health and human services may adopt rules to implement this section."

Section 23. Section 75-10-704, MCA, is amended to read:

"75-10-704. Environmental quality protection fund. (1) There Subject to legislative fund transfers, there is in the state special revenue fund an environmental quality protection fund to be administered as a revolving fund by the department. The department is authorized to expend amounts from the fund necessary to carry out the purposes of this part.

(2) The fund may be used by the department only to carry out the provisions of this part and for remedial actions taken by the department pursuant to this part in response to a release of hazardous or deleterious substances.

(3) The department shall:

(a) except as provided in subsection (7), establish and implement a system, including the preparation of a priority list, for prioritizing sites for remedial action based on potential effects on human health and the environment; and

(b) investigate, negotiate, and take legal action, as appropriate, to identify liable persons, to obtain the participation and financial contribution of liable persons for the remedial action, to achieve remedial action, and to recover costs and damages incurred by the state.

(4) There must be deposited in the fund:

(a) all penalties, forfeited financial assurance, natural resource damages, and remedial action costs recovered pursuant to 75-10-715;

(b) all administrative penalties assessed pursuant to 75-10-714 and all civil penalties assessed pursuant to 75-10-711(5);

(c) funds allocated to the fund by the legislature;

(d) proceeds from the resource indemnity and ground water assessment tax as authorized by 15-38-106;

(e) funds received from the interest income of the resource indemnity trust fund pursuant to 15-38-202;

(f) funds received from the interest income of the fund;

(g) funds received from settlements pursuant to 75-10-719(7); and

(h) funds received from the interest paid pursuant to 75-10-722.

(5) Whenever a legislative appropriation is insufficient to carry out the provisions of this part and additional money remains in the fund, the department shall seek additional authority to spend money from the fund through the budget amendment process provided for in Title 17, chapter 7, part 4.

(6) Whenever the amount of money in the fund is insufficient to carry out remedial action, the department may apply to the governor for a grant from the environmental contingency account established pursuant to 75-1-1101.

(7) (a) There is established a state special revenue account for all funds donated or granted from private parties to remediate a specific release at a specific facility. There must be deposited into the account the interest income earned on the account. A person is not liable under 75-10-715 solely as a result of contributing to this account.

(b) Funds donated or granted for a specific project pursuant to this subsection (7) must be accumulated in the fund until the balance of the donated or granted funds is sufficient, as determined by the department, to remediate the facility pursuant to the requirements of 75-10-721 for which the funds are donated.

(c) If the balance of the fund created in this subsection (7), as determined by the department pursuant to the requirements of 75-10-721, is not sufficient to remediate the facility within 1 year from the date of the initial contribution, all donated or granted funds, including any interest on those donated or granted funds, must be returned to the grantor.

(d) If the balance for a specific project is determined by the department to be sufficient to remediate the facility pursuant to the requirements of 75-10-721, the department shall give that site high priority for remedial action, using the funds donated under this subsection (7).

(e) This subsection (7) is not intended to delay, to interfere with, or to diminish the authority or actions of the department to investigate, negotiate, and take legal action, as appropriate, to identify liable persons, to obtain the participation and financial contribution of liable persons for the remedial action, to achieve remedial

action, and to recover costs and damages incurred by the state.

(f) The department shall expend the funds in a manner that maximizes the application of the funds to physically remediating the specific release.

(8) (a) A person may donate in-kind services to remediate a specific release at a specific facility pursuant to subsection (7). A person who donates in-kind services is not liable under 75-10-715 solely as a result of the contribution of in-kind services.

(b) A person who donates in-kind services with respect to remediating a specific release at a specific facility is not liable under this part to any person for injuries, costs, damages, expenses, or other liability that results from the release or threatened release, including but not limited to claims for indemnification or contribution and claims by third parties for death, personal injury, illness, loss of or damage to property, or economic loss.

(c) Immunity from liability, pursuant to subsection (8)(b), does not apply in the case of a release that is caused by conduct of the entity providing in-kind services that is negligent or grossly negligent or that constitutes intentional misconduct.

(d) When a person is liable under 75-10-715 for costs or damages incurred as a result of a release or threatened release of a hazardous or deleterious substance, the person may not avoid that liability or responsibility under 75-10-711 by subsequent donations of money or in-kind services under the provisions of subsection (7) and this subsection (8).

(e) Any donated in-kind services that are employed as part of a remedial action pursuant to this subsection (8) must be approved by the department as appropriate remedial action."

Section 24. Section 80-6-1109, MCA, is amended to read:

"80-6-1109. Fees to be set by rule -- self-supporting program -- enterprise fund <u>account</u> established. (1) Fees authorized to be charged by this part must be set by committee rule. The fees must be designed to reimburse the committee for costs incurred in providing services and carrying out its duties under this part. It is the intent of the legislature that committee activities under this part be self-supporting.

(2) There is an enterprise account in the state special revenue fund known as the leaf-cutting bee fund account for use by the committee. Fees collected under this part must be paid into the leaf-cutting bee fund account.

(3) The committee may direct the board of investments to invest money from the fund account pursuant to the provisions of the unified investment program. The income from such investments must be credited to the

leaf-cutting bee fund account."

Section 25. Section 85-2-280, MCA, is amended to read:

"85-2-280. (Temporary) Water adjudication account. (1) There is a water adjudication account within the state special revenue fund created in 17-2-102.

(2) (a) For Subject to legislative fund transfers, for the period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2015, there is allocated to the department and the water court up to \$2.6 million, plus the approved inflation factor contained in the revenue estimating resolution, each fiscal year from the water adjudication account for the sole purpose of funding the water adjudication program. These funds may not be used for the purpose of updating or maintaining a computer database.

(b) For the period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2020, there is allocated to the department and the water court up to \$1 million, plus the approved inflation factor contained in the revenue estimating resolution, each fiscal year from the account for the sole purpose of funding the water adjudication program.

(c) The allocations in subsections (2)(a) and (2)(b) are subject to appropriation by the legislature.

(3) Interest and income earnings on the water adjudication account must be deposited in the account.

(4) Money remaining in the water adjudication account on June 30, 2020, must be transferred to the water right appropriation account provided for in 85-2-318.

(5) If the accountability benchmarks contained in 85-2-271 are not met, expenditures from the account in the previous biennium may not be included in the department's base budget, as defined in 17-7-102, for the current biennium. (Terminates June 30, 2020--sec. 18, Ch. 288, L. 2005; sec. 11, Ch. 319, L. 2007.)"

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 26. Emergency medical services grants. The department of transportation shall report to the governor and the legislative finance committee not later than November 1 of the year preceding a regular session of the legislature regarding emergency medical services grants that are awarded during each biennium. The report must include a listing of all grant requests and a listing of grants awarded, including a summary of the use of grant funds.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 27. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE APPROPRIATION IN HOUSE BILL NO. 2 FOR AN FTE IN THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS PROGRAM BE ATTACHED TO THE VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE IN MISSOULA AND THAT THE FTE, ON AVERAGE, SPEND 2 DAYS EACH WEEK IN HAMILTON, 2 DAYS EACH WEEK IN POLSON, AND 1 DAY EACH WEEK IN MISSOULA. NEW SECTION. Section 28. Emergency medical service grant program reports. The department of transportation shall report to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee twice during each year of the interim on the results of the emergency medical service grant program funded in House Bill No. 2. The reports must include grants submitted, grants processed and awarded, and the remaining balance of the appropriation.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 29. Fund transfers. (1) There is <u>BY AUGUST 15, 2009, THERE MUST BE</u> transferred \$2,064,139 from the water adjudication state special revenue account provided for in 85-2-280 to the natural resources operations state special revenue account established in 15-38-301.

(2) There is <u>BY AUGUST 15, 2009, THERE MUST BE</u> transferred \$600,000 from the environmental quality protection fund established in 75-10-704 to the natural resources operations state special revenue account established in 15-38-301.

(3) THERE IS TRANSFERRED \$300,000 FROM THE JUNK VEHICLE FUND AS AUTHORIZED IN 75-10-532 TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES OPERATIONS STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN 15-38-301.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 30. Repealer. Sections 15-30-169, 50-44-101, 50-44-102, and 50-44-103, MCA, are repealed.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 31. Codification instruction. [Section 16 <u>26</u>] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 61, chapter 2, and the provisions of Title 61, chapter 2, apply to [section 16 <u>26</u>].

NEW SECTION. Section 32. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 33. Retroactive applicability <u>APPLICABILITY</u>. (1) [Section 7] applies retroactively, within the meaning of 1-2-109, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

(2) [SECTION 14] APPLIES TO SCHOOL BUDGETS FOR SCHOOL FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2009.

NEW SECTION. Section 34. Termination. [Section 9] terminates [Sections 9 THROUGH 11] TERMINATE June 30, 2011.