

SENATE BILL NO. 236

INTRODUCED BY A. OLSON

BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TEMPORARILY INCREASING THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX ALLOCATION TO THE COAL NATURAL RESOURCE ACCOUNT; ESTABLISHING THE INCREASE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019; AMENDING SECTION 15-35-108, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. 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. 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. Beginning July 1, 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.

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

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

7 (7) The amount of 5.8% ~~through September 30, 2013, and beginning October 1, 2013, the amount of~~
8 ~~2.9%~~ must be credited to the coal natural resource account established in 90-6-1001(2).

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

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

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

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

16 (ii) \$625,000 for the growth through agriculture program provided for in Title 90, chapter 9;

17 (iii) \$1.275 million to the research and commercialization state special revenue account created in
18 90-3-1002, of which \$375,000 per year is appropriated for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 to the department of
19 commerce for the small business state matching grant program authorized in 90-1-117 to provide matching grants
20 for small business innovation research and small business technology transfer, \$125,000 per year is appropriated
21 for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 to the high-performance supercomputing program in the department of commerce,
22 and \$300,000 per year is appropriated for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 to the board of regents for the development
23 of energy and natural resources doctoral programs at Montana tech of the university of Montana;

24 (iv) to the department of commerce:

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

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

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

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

29 and

30 (E) \$300,000 for export trade enhancement. (Terminates June 30, 2013--sec. 5, Ch. 459, L. 2009.)

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

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14 (4) The amount of 1.27% must be allocated to a permanent fund account for the purpose of parks
15 acquisition or management. Income from this permanent fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses,
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1 in the general fund is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, on an annual basis as follows:

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

4 (iii) \$3.65 million to the research and commercialization state special revenue account created in
5 90-3-1002;

6 (iv) to the department of commerce:

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

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5 cultural and aesthetic projects.

6 (7) The amount of 2.9% must be credited to the coal natural resource account established in
7 90-6-1001(2).

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

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

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13 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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