

## SENATE BILL NO. 302

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE PROCESS FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC  
5 EDUCATION TO PRESENT PROPOSED ~~ADMINISTRATIVE RULES~~ ACCREDITATION STANDARDS TO A  
6 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE; CLARIFYING THE PROCESS FOR CONDUCTING AN ANALYSIS OF THE  
7 FISCAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ~~ADMINISTRATIVE RULES~~ ACCREDITATION STANDARDS;  
8 REQUIRING ~~ADMINISTRATIVE RULES~~ ACCREDITATION STANDARDS PROPOSED DURING THE INTERIM  
9 WITH A PROJECTED FISCAL IMPACT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION'S  
10 EXECUTIVE BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR A DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE BOARD OF  
11 PUBLIC EDUCATION'S PROPOSED RULES STANDARDS EXCEPT FOR ~~PROPOSED RULES~~ THOSE WITH  
12 NO PROJECTED FISCAL IMPACT; REQUIRING THE BOARD TO PRESENT ~~ADMINISTRATIVE RULES~~  
13 ACCREDITATION STANDARDS PROPOSED DURING A REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION DIRECTLY TO  
14 THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE THAT CONSIDERS EDUCATION; AND AMENDING  
15 SECTION 20-7-101, MCA."

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

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19 **Section 1.** Section 20-7-101, MCA, is amended to read:20 **"20-7-101. Standards of accreditation.** (1) Standards of accreditation for all schools must be adopted  
21 by the board of public education upon the recommendations of the superintendent of public instruction.22 (2) (a) ~~Prior to adoption or amendment of any accreditation standard or other administrative rule under~~  
23 ~~its authority,~~ the board shall submit each proposal to the education and local government interim committee for  
24 ~~review~~ during periods when the legislature is not in regular session or to the joint appropriations subcommittee  
25 that considers education during any regular session of the legislature.26 (b) (i) ~~The~~ During periods when the legislature is not in regular session, the interim committee shall  
27 ~~request a fiscal analysis to be prepared by the legislative fiscal division~~ perform an initial review of the board's  
28 proposal to determine whether the proposed rule adoption or amendment is likely to result in a projected fiscal  
29 impact that warrants a fiscal analysis.30 (ii) If the interim committee determines that the board's proposal warrants a fiscal analysis, the board

1 INTERIM COMMITTEE shall select and contract with an independent entity THIRD PARTY qualified to perform the  
 2 analysis. The fiscal analysis must comply with the statutory requirements for fiscal note contents provided in  
 3 5-4-205. The board shall submit the fiscal analysis to the legislative fiscal division for review and comment.

4 (iii) The board INTERIM COMMITTEE shall present the fiscal analysis and the legislative fiscal division shall  
 5 provide its analysis review and comment to the interim committee and to the office of budget and program  
 6 planning to be used in the preparation of the executive budget. Any projected fiscal impact identified by the fiscal  
 7 analysis must be included as a present law adjustment in the office of public instruction's budget request pursuant  
 8 to 17-7-112 for presentation to the legislature in the next regular session after completion of the fiscal analysis.

9 (c) During periods when the legislature is in regular session, the board shall present its proposal to the  
 10 joint appropriations subcommittee that considers education to assess the potential fiscal impact of the board's  
 11 proposal and determine the extent to which the projected implementation costs associated with the proposal will  
 12 be recommended for incorporation into the general appropriations act.

13 (3) (a) If the fiscal analysis of the proposal is found by the legislative fiscal division to have a substantial  
 14 fiscal impact, the The board may not implement the standard a proposed rule adoption or amendment to the  
 15 accreditation standards or other administrative rule under its authority that is found to have a fiscal impact under  
 16 subsection (2)(b) until July 1 following the next regular end of the legislative session and shall request that the  
 17 same legislature fund implementation of the proposed standard. A substantial fiscal impact is an amount that  
 18 cannot be readily absorbed in the budget of an existing school district program. during which the fiscal impact  
 19 is considered by the legislature pursuant to subsection (2)(b).

20 (b) If a proposed rule adoption or amendment is determined by the interim committee to not warrant a  
 21 fiscal analysis or is found to have no fiscal impact under subsection (2)(b), the board may implement the proposal  
 22 immediately following the review of the proposal by the interim committee if the legislature is not in regular  
 23 session or by the joint appropriations subcommittee that considers education if the legislature is in regular  
 24 session.

25 (c) The board may not implement a proposed rule adoption or amendment that the board presents  
 26 directly to the joint appropriations subcommittee that considers education under subsection (2)(c) until July 1  
 27 following the end of the regular legislative session during which the fiscal impact is considered.

28 (4) Standards for the retention of school records must be as provided in 20-1-212."  
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