

HOUSE BILL NO. 227

INTRODUCED BY S. VINTON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING FUNDING FOR MIDDLE GRADES CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION IN DISTRIBUTING FUNDING; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 20-7-303, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 20-7-303, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-7-303. Authorization to establish and maintain K-12 career and vocational/technical education courses and programs. The trustees of an elementary or high school district may establish and maintain a K-12 career and vocational/technical education course or program that complies with the K-12 career and vocational/technical education standards adopted by the superintendent of public instruction. In order for a high school course or program to be eligible for state or federal funding, it must be approved by the superintendent of public instruction for compliance with K-12 career and vocational/technical education standards."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Funding for middle grades career and technical education -- distribution.** (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "middle grades" means grades 6, 7, and 8.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall annually distribute money from the biennial appropriation for middle grades career and technical education to eligible elementary and K-12 school districts. To be eligible for a distribution of funds, an elementary or K-12 school district must provide career and technical education programs to students in the middle grades.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute the funds based on the proportion of an eligible school district's total quality educators to the statewide total of quality educators in all eligible school districts.

(4) The superintendent of public instruction shall annually distribute the funds allocated in this section by November 1. The money received by the school district must be deposited into the subfund of the miscellaneous programs fund established by 20-9-507 and may be expended only for middle grades career and

1 technical education programs. The expenditure of the money must be reported in the annual trustees' report as
2 required by 20-9-213.

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4 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$1 million from the general fund to
5 the office of public instruction in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, for middle grades career and
6 technical education pursuant to [section 2].

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8 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction.** [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an
9 integral part of Title 20, chapter 7, part 3, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 7, part 3, apply to [section 2].

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11 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Coordination Instruction.** If both House Bill No. 2 and [this act] are passed
12 and approved and House Bill No. 2 contains an appropriation of \$1 million from the general fund in each year of
13 the biennium for middle grades career and technical education, then [section 3 of this act] is void.

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15 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date -- applicability.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017, and
16 applies to school years beginning on or after July 1, 2017.

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