

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 418

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING FUNDING FOR CAREER AND
5 VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION; INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND
6 WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS AS FACTORS INCLUDED IN THE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA
7 DEVELOPED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; INCREASING DISTRIBUTIONS TO
8 DISTRICTS FOR CAREER AND VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE 2019 BIENNIUM;
9 PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 20-7-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
10 DATE."

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

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14 **Section 1.** Section 20-7-306, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"20-7-306. Distribution of secondary K-12 career and vocational/technical education funds. (1)**

16 The superintendent of public instruction shall categorize secondary K-12 career and vocational/technical
17 education programs ~~according to the relative additional costs of those programs~~ based on weighted factors,
18 including but not limited to:

- 19 (a) K-12 career and vocational/technical education enrollment;
- 20 (b) approved career and technical student organizations;
- 21 (c) field supervision of students beyond the school year for K-12 career and vocational/technical
22 education; ~~and~~
- 23 (d) district expenditures related to the K-12 career and vocational/technical education programs; and
- 24 (e) student participation in workforce development activities, including but not limited to:
- 25 (i) attainment of industry-recognized professional certifications; and
- 26 (ii) work-based learning programs, such as internships and registered apprenticeships.

27 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall adjust the weighted factors outlined in subsection (1)
28 as necessary to ensure that the allocations do not exceed the amount appropriated.

29 (3) Except for other expenditures outlined in subsection (1)(d), funding must be based upon the
30 calculation for secondary K-12 career and vocational/technical education programs of the high school district in

1 the year preceding the year for which funding is requested. Funding for the expenditures referred to in subsection
 2 (1)(d) must be based on the calculation for the secondary K-12 career and vocational/technical education
 3 programs of the high school district for the 2 years preceding the year for which funding is requested. The funding
 4 must be computed for each separate secondary K-12 career and vocational/technical education program.

5 (4) For secondary career and vocational/technical education programs, the total funding must be
 6 distributed to eligible programs based on the ~~four~~ factors listed in subsections (1)(a) through ~~(1)(d)~~ (1)(e).

7 (5) The superintendent of public instruction shall annually distribute the funds allocated in this section
 8 by November 1. The money received by the high school district must be deposited into the subfund of the
 9 miscellaneous programs fund established by 20-9-507 and may be expended only for approved secondary K-12
 10 career and vocational/technical education programs. The expenditure of the money must be reported in the
 11 annual trustees' report as required by 20-9-213.

12 (6) Any increase in the amount distributed to a school district from the biennial state appropriation for
 13 secondary K-12 career and vocational/technical education must be used for the expansion and enhancement of
 14 career and vocational/technical education programs and may not be used to reduce previous district spending
 15 on career and vocational/technical education programs."

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 17 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated \$5 million from the general fund
 18 to the office of public instruction in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2017.

19 (2) If the unaudited general fund revenue, including transfers in, for fiscal year 2018, as certified by the
 20 state treasurer, exceeds the revenue estimate adopted in [House Joint Resolution No. 2] by at least \$10 million,
 21 there is appropriated an additional \$2.5 million from the general fund to the office of public instruction for fiscal
 22 year 2019.

23 (3) The appropriation is for the purpose of expanding and enhancing secondary K-12 career and
 24 vocational/technical education through distributions pursuant to 20-7-305 and 20-7-306.

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 26 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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