



AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A LEGISLATIVE STUDY OF EDUCATION-RELATED TOPICS TO BE CONDUCTED BY A BIPARTISAN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

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

Section 1. Legislative finance committee study of fiscal issues regarding education -- reports to education interim committee. (1) For the 2019-2020 interim, the legislative finance committee provided for in

5-12-201 shall direct a study of the following topics related to education:

- (a) K-12 special education funding;
- (b) the community college funding formula; and
- (c) postsecondary career and technical education credit values.

(2) (a) The legislative finance committee shall establish an education funding subcommittee to complete its work in accordance with this section.

(b) The presiding officer of the legislative finance committee, in consultation with the presiding officer of the joint appropriations subcommittee on education, shall appoint the members of the education funding subcommittee with equal representation from the majority and minority parties and is encouraged to include members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on education and the education interim committee.

(3) The results of the study must be presented in accordance with 5-11-210 to the legislative finance committee and the education interim committee before September 1, 2020.

(4) The legislative fiscal division shall provide administrative staff support and fiscal analysis. The legislative services division may provide research and legal support at the request of the education funding subcommittee.

Section 2. Appropriation. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, there is appropriated \$5,000 from the general fund to the legislative fiscal division for purposes of conducting the study as set forth in [section 1].

Section 3. Contingent voidness. If [this act] is passed and approved and does not contain an appropriation, [this act] is void.

Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

Section 5. Termination. [This act] terminates December 31, 2020.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0657, originated in the House.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

Chief Clerk of the House

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

HOUSE BILL NO. 657

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BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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