

HOUSE BILL NO. 601

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET PROGRAMS; REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO USE THE FUNDS TO CREATE AND ADMINISTER A SCHOOL SAFETY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Transfer of funds -- grant program.** (1) The superintendent of public instruction is directed to transfer \$100,000 out of the state level activities budget (program 06) to the local education activities budget (program 09) of the superintendent's budget for fiscal year 2020.

(2) (a) The superintendent of public instruction is directed to use the \$100,000 of funds transferred pursuant to subsection (1) to create and administer a school safety professional development grant program.

(b) The superintendent of public instruction shall offer grants to school districts to provide professional development on topics related to school safety. Acceptable uses for the school safety professional development grants include but are not limited to individual training of school employees, improvement of facilities, and programs that promote the protection of students from violence, theft, bullying, exposure to weapons, and the sale or use of illegal substances on school grounds.

(3) For purposes of this section, "school safety" means keeping students safe from violence, bullying, harassment, and substance use at schools and school-related activities.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2019.

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