

HOUSE BILL NO. 657

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BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A LEGISLATIVE STUDY OF
EDUCATION-RELATED TOPICS TO BE CONDUCTED BY A BIPARTISAN 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:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Legislative study of fiscal issues regarding education. (1) A committee
appointed pursuant to subsection (2) 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) career and training education credit values.

(2) The study must be conducted by a bipartisan committee consisting of the following:

- (a) four members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on education, with two members from the majority party and two members from the minority party, appointed by the presiding officer of the joint appropriations subcommittee on education; and
- (b) four members of the legislative finance committee, with two members from the majority party and two members from the minority party, appointed by the presiding officer of the legislative finance committee.

(3) The committee shall hold four meetings to coincide with meetings held by the legislative finance committee.

NEW SECTION. 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].

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



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2 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Termination.** [This act] terminates December 31, 2020.

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