

## HOUSE BILL NO. 754

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM 2-YEAR  
5 EDUCATION RESTRUCTURING REVIEW COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS AND  
6 DUTIES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION  
7 DATE."

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9 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents and the Legislature ~~restructured~~ INCORPORATED THE  
10 VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS INTO the Montana University System OVER 25 years ago; and

11 WHEREAS, ~~a number of the rationales for that restructuring continue to be areas of concern regarding~~  
12 ~~the Montana University System~~ ENROLLMENT AT 2-YEAR COLLEGES REMAINS RELATIVELY LOW COMPARED TO OTHER  
13 STATES; and

14 WHEREAS, ~~no comprehensive examination of the impacts of the Montana University System~~  
15 ~~restructuring has been conducted~~ A REEXAMINATION OF THE STRUCTURE OF 2-YEAR EDUCATION IN MONTANA IS  
16 WARRANTED.

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

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20 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Montana university system restructuring review commission --**  
21 **membership.** (1) There is a Montana university system restructuring review commission. The commission is  
22 allocated to the legislative services division for staffing services and administrative purposes only.

23 (2) The commission consists of the following members:

24 (a) four members of the house of representatives, two of whom must be appointed by the speaker of the  
25 house and two of whom must be appointed by the house minority leader;

26 (b) four members of the senate, two of whom must be appointed by the senate president and two of  
27 whom must be appointed by the senate minority leader;

28 (c) ~~a member~~ TWO MEMBERS of the board of regents, appointed by the presiding officer of the board of  
29 regents;

30 (d) a member of the board of public education, appointed by the presiding officer of the board of public

1 education;

2 (e) the president of Montana associated students, or the president's designee;

3 (f) two members appointed by the governor, ONE OF WHOM MUST BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TRIBAL

4 COLLEGES; and

5 (g) two members of the public, one of whom must be appointed by the senate president, and one of  
6 whom must be appointed by the speaker of the house.

7 (3) Appointments under subsection (2) must be made within 60 days after [the effective date of this act].

8 (4) A vacancy on the commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

9 (5) The commission shall select a presiding officer from among its legislative members.

10 (6) The commission shall meet at least quarterly.

11 (7) Decisions of the commission must be made by majority vote of the commission members.

12 (8) Members of the commission must be compensated as provided in 2-15-124 and must be reimbursed  
13 for travel expenses as provided in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503. Members of the commission who are full-time  
14 salaried officers or employees of this state or of any political subdivision of this state are entitled to their regular  
15 compensation. Legislator members must be compensated as provided in 5-2-302.

16 (9) The legislative services division shall provide staff assistance to the ~~task force~~ COMMISSION. The  
17 legislative fiscal division, the governor's office of budget and program planning, and the Montana university  
18 system shall provide information upon request.

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20 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Duties. The commission shall:

21 (1) review the history and reasons for the Montana university system ~~restructuring enacted by the board~~  
22 ~~of regents in 1994 and adopted by the legislature through Senate Bill 156 of the 1995 legislative session~~  
23 INCORPORATING VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE SYSTEM;

24 (2) analyze the impacts of the restructuring on the efficiency and effectiveness of 2-YEAR EDUCATION IN  
25 the university system;

26 (3) consider how the university system addresses ~~increases and decreases in enrollment as a system~~  
27 ~~and at the campus level~~ STUDENT DEMAND FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING WITHIN ITS 2-YEAR  
28 COLLEGES;

29 (4) examine the ~~impacts of the restructuring on~~ POTENTIAL FOR RESTRUCTURING 2-year education  
30 ~~programs, including the community colleges~~ IN THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO ENHANCE OFFERINGS IN CAREER

1 AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION;

2 ~~—— (5) determine whether the restructuring has resulted in positive, negative, or mixed outcomes for the~~  
3 ~~university system and the state as a whole;~~

4 ~~(6)(5)~~ review the governance and organizational structures of university systems in other states and  
5 consider whether a different structure would lead to a more effective and efficient university system in Montana;  
6 and

7 ~~(7)(6)~~ prepare a report of findings and recommendations for submission to the 67th legislature.  
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9 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$57,000 from the general fund to the  
10 legislative services division for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 for the purposes of funding the commission and the  
11 study as provided in [sections 1 and 2].  
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13 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Contingent voidness. (1) Pursuant to Joint Rule 40-65, if [this act] does  
14 not include an appropriation prior to being transmitted to the governor, then [this act] is void.

15 (2) If the appropriation in [section 3] is vetoed, then [this act] is void.  
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17 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective dates. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), [this act] is  
18 effective on passage and approval.

19 (2) [Section 3] is effective July 1, 2019.  
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21 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Termination. [This act] terminates June 30, 2021.  
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