1	HOUSE BILL NO. 632
2	INTRODUCED BY F. GARNER, E. BUTTREY
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT;
5	PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS AND ALLOCATIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS
6	AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
7	30, 2021; ALLOWING APPROPRIATIONS TO CONTINUE INTO THE 2023 BIENNIUM AND 2025
8	BIENNIUMS; PROVIDING CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FUNDS; CREATING
9	ADVISORY COMMISSIONS RELATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATIONS, ECONOMIC
10	TRANSFORMATION AND STABILIZATION, AND HEALTH; PROVIDING DEADLINES AND OTHER
11	CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE GRANT PROCESS; REQUIRING THE USE OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR
12	CERTAIN GRANTS; PROVIDING FOR AN OUTREACH TEAM TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE
13	GRANT PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FOR STATE CAPITAL PROJECTS AND GRANTS FOR
14	WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS; PROVIDING MINIMUM ALLOCATION GRANTS TO LOCAL
15	GOVERNMENTS FOR QUALIFYING PROJECTS; PROVIDING FOR A GRANT PROCESS FOR
16	COMMUNICATIONS AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND STABILIZATION PROJECTS; PROVIDING
17	GRANTS TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITIES; REQUIRING PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND
18	REPORTING ON PROJECTS; PROVIDING COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS TO FUND QUALIFYING
19	LONG-RANGE PROJECTS WITH FEDERAL FUNDS; PROVIDING THE EXECUTIVE THE AUTHORITY TO
20	MODIFY AND REPORT MODIFICATIONS TO APPROPRIATIONS AND PARAMETERS OF PROGRAMS TO
21	THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR A REDUCTION TO CERTAIN GRANT
22	AWARDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BASED ON HEALTH REGULATIONS THAT ARE MORE STRICT
23	THAN THOSE OF THE STATE; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT COSTS; AMENDING
24	SECTION 2-17-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."
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26	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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28	(Refer to Introduced Bill)



1	Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:
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3	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Infrastructure advisory commission. (1) There is an American Rescue
4	Plan infrastructure advisory commission.
5	(2) The commission consists of nine members, who must be appointed as follows:
6	(a) three senators, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the senate
7	president;
8	(b) three representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the
9	speaker of the house; and
10	(c) three members appointed by the governor.
11	(3) The commission shall review applications for funding for state capital projects and state and local
12	government water and wastewater projects and shall provide recommendations to the executive on which
13	projects should be funded. Projects approved by the 67th legislature for funding in House Bill No. 5, 6, 7, 11, or
14	14 are not submitted to the commission.
15	(4) Appointed members of the commission must be compensated and receive travel expenses as
16	provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at commission meetings or in the performance of any duty
17	or service as a commission member.
18	(5) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION SHALL SERVE AS LEAD STAFF WITH THE
19	DEPARTMENTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND COMMERCE ASSISTING.
20	(6) FUNDING FOR THE COMMISSION IS ALLOCATED FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ALLOWED IN [SECTION 3].
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22	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriations Appropriation for capital projects and water and
23	wastewater projects matching funds. (1) There are federal funds received pursuant to the American
24	Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the office of budget and program planning for state
25	infrastructure projects and local infrastructure AND LOCAL WATER AND WASTEWATER grants as follows:
26	Amount ARPA Section
27	500,000,000 <u>450,000,000</u> 602
28	119,300,000 604



1	(2) For any water or wastewater grant awarded to a local government with these funds, a local
2	government must provide matching funds.
3	(3) For the purposes of [this act], "local government" means any tribe, city, town, county, consolidated
4	city-county, or school district CITY, COUNTY, CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR OTHER POLITICAL
5	SUBDIVISION OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY OF THE STATE, INCLUDING AN AUTHORITY AS DEFINED IN 75-6-304, WATER
6	DISTRICT, SEWER DISTRICT, IRRIGATION DISTRICT, WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, CONSERVATION DISTRICT, OR TRIBAL
7	<u>GOVERNMENT</u> .
8	(4) For the purposes of [this act], "state infrastructure projects" STATE WATER AND WASTEWATER
9	PROJECTS includes projects for state-owned buildings and facilities AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, as well as
10	within the Montana university system, including community colleges in the state.
11	(5) References to "ARPA Section" mean references to section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act
12	of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602 or section

(6) FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS SECTION THAT ARE NOT OTHERWISE ALLOCATED ARE ALLOCATED TO THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING TO PROVIDE GRANTS PURSUANT TO [SECTION 3].

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NEW SECTION. Section 3. Eligibility -- submission deadline -- priority -- approval of recommendations Competitive Grant Program. (1) State FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF GRANTS, STATE and local governments shall submit grant requests and supporting materials, including the amount of matching funds available FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS, to the applicable agency by July 1, 2021, in order to be eligible for funding under [section 2]. The agency will review grant applications, rank projects, and issue a list of recommended projects to the advisory commission by August 15, 2021.

- (2) The applicable agency shall submit a list of recommended state capital projects to the advisory commission by August 15, 2021.
- (3) The advisory commission shall review the lists of recommended <u>WATER AND WASTEWATER</u> projects and issue a <u>final</u> list of recommended projects to the executive by September 1, 2021.
- 27 (4) THE APPLICABLE AGENCY IS AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL ROUNDS OF GRANT PROPOSALS TO THE COMMISSION AS NEEDED.



1	(4)(5) In preparing recommendations, for capital projects, preference must be given to projects that
2	carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote
3	options, in response to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. For local government WATER
4	AND WASTEWATER grants, preference may also be given to projects that provide a higher match rate.
5	(5)(6) The recommendations of the advisory commission must be considered by the governor and
6	reviewed to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance. The governor may modify
7	recommendations and shall provide the final list of approved projects to the legislative finance committee by
8	October 15, 2021. IF THE GOVERNOR MODIFIES THE LIST OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY THE
9	COMMISSION, THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING SHALL REPORT AND EXPLAIN THE CHANGES TO THE
10	ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING.
11	(7) If it is later determined that a project cannot be completed, the governor may authorize another A
12	DIFFERENT project and provide a report to the legislative finance committee. If it is determined at any time that a
13	project is identified not to be eligible based on federal guidance or regulation and, if completed, would result in
14	a reduction in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act or require the state to repay or refund money to the
15	federal government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act, the governor may authorize another A
16	DIFFERENT project and provide a report to the legislative finance committee.
17	(8) NO PROJECT MAY RECEIVE MORE THAN \$25 MILLION IN GRANT PROCEEDS FROM THIS SECTION.
18	(9) Up to 2.5% of the funds appropriated in [Section 2] may be allocated for administrative
19	COSTS.
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21	NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. MINIMUM ALLOCATION GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. (1) THE AMOUNT OF
22	\$150 MILLION OF THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] MUST BE
23	USED TO PROVIDE MINIMUM ALLOCATION GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE WATER AND
24	WASTEWATER PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.
25	(2) THE AMOUNT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER GRANTS UNDER
26	THIS SECTION IS IN THE SAME PROPORTION AND USING THE SAME RATIOS PROVIDED FOR IN 15-70-101(2)(B), (2)(C), AND
27	<u>(3).</u>
28	(3) (A) TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR



1	A QUALIFYING INFRASTRUCTURE WATER OR WASTEWATER PROJECT AND PLEDGE MATCHING FUNDS.
2	(B) A QUALIFYING WATER OR WASTEWATER PROJECT IS A PROJECT THAT COMPLIES WITH THE USES
3	AUTHORIZED FOR THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.
4	(C) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL PLEDGE THE GREATER LESSER OF:
5	(I) ONE-TO-ONE MATCHING FUNDS; OR
6	(II) 25% OF THE AMOUNT THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECEIVED IN CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY
7	FUNDS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.
8	(D) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY USE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS AS MATCHING FUNDS.
9	(4) Grant funds not claimed applied for and awarded or in a pending status by January 1, 2023,
10	ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY FOR
11	DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN [SECTION 3].
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13	NEW SECTION. Section 5. Grants to regional water authorities matching funds uses. (1)
14	OF THE APPROPRIATION MADE IN [SECTION 2] OF CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS, \$10 MILLION IS
15	ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGIONAL WATER
16	AUTHORITY A GRANT OF \$2.5 MILLION.
17	(2) FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, A REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY MUST PROVIDE ONE-TO-ONE MATCHING
18	FUNDS TO BE COMPRISED OF LOANS SECURED BY COAL SEVERANCE TAX BONDS MADE PURSUANT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 8
19	(3) THE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY MUST MAY USE GRANT FUNDS AND LOANS SECURED BY BONDS TO SERVE
20	AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR FEDERAL GRANTS.
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22	NEW SECTION. Section 6. Outreach TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE team grant application and
23	engineering assistance. (1) The department of commerce shall assemble an outreach A TECHNICAL
24	ASSISTANCE team to notify local governments, with an emphasis on rural local governments, of the funding
25	opportunities provided for in this bill related to communications, economic TRANSFORMATION AND stabilization,
26	and infrastructure WATER AND WASTEWATER projects.
27	(2) The outreach TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE team shall also assist local governments in the application
28	process and offer <u>LIMITED</u> engineering assistance.



1	(3) The department may hire modified FTE or contract to create the outreach TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
2	team.
3	(4) There must be an appropriation of administrative funds IS ALLOCATED \$750,000 FROM THE FUNDS
4	APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] FOR THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM.
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6	NEW SECTION. Section 7. Appropriation for Capital Projects. (1) There are federal funds
7	RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021, PUBLIC LAW 117-2, APPROPRIATED TO THE
8	OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING FOR STATE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AS FOLLOWS:
9	AMOUNT ARPA SECTION
10	119,300,000 604
11	(2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF [THIS ACT], "STATE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS" INCLUDES PROJECTS FOR
12	STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AS WELL AS WITHIN THE MONTANA
13	UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, INCLUDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE STATE.
14	(3) THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUBMIT A LIST OF RECOMMENDED STATE CAPITAL PROJECTS
15	TO THE ADVISORY COMMISSION.
16	(4) THE ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE LISTS OF RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROJECTS AND ISSUE A
17	LIST OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS TO THE EXECUTIVE.
18	(5) THE APPLICABLE AGENCY IS AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL ROUNDS OF GRANT PROPOSALS TO THE
19	COMMISSION AS NEEDED.
20	(6) IN PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, PREFERENCE MUST BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS
21	THAT ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE STATE, CARRY OUT CRITICAL CAPITAL PROJECTS DIRECTLY
22	ENABLING WORK, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH MONITORING, INCLUDING REMOTE OPTIONS, IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC
23	HEALTH EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19.
24	(7) THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION MUST BE CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNOR AND
25	REVIEWED TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND ALL APPLICABLE GUIDANCE. THE GOVERNOR MAY
26	MODIFY RECOMMENDATIONS AND SHALL PROVIDE THE LIST OF APPROVED PROJECTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE
27	COMMITTEE BY OCTOBER 15, 2021. IF THE GOVERNOR MODIFIES THE LIST OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY
28	THE COMMISSION, THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING SHALL REPORT AND EXPLAIN THE CHANGES TO THE



1	LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING.
2	(8) IF IT IS LATER DETERMINED THAT A PROJECT CANNOT BE COMPLETED, THE GOVERNOR MAY AUTHORIZE A
3	DIFFERENT PROJECT AND PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE. IF IT IS DETERMINED AT ANY
4	TIME THAT A PROJECT IS IDENTIFIED NOT TO BE ELIGIBLE BASED ON FEDERAL GUIDANCE OR REGULATION AND, IF
5	COMPLETED, WOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION IN FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OR REQUIRE THE
6	STATE TO REPAY OR REFUND MONEY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT,
7	THE GOVERNOR MAY AUTHORIZE A DIFFERENT PROJECT AND PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE
8	COMMITTEE.
9	(9) REFERENCES TO "ARPA SECTION" MEAN REFERENCES TO SECTION 9901 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE
10	PLAN ACT OF 2021, PUBLIC LAW 117-2, WHICH AMENDS TITLE VI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO INCLUDE SECTION
11	<u>604.</u>
12	(10) Up to 2% of the funds appropriated in this section may be allocated for administrative
13	COSTS.
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15	NEW SECTION. Section 8. Communications advisory commission. (1) There is an American
16	Rescue Plan communications advisory commission.
17	(2) The commission consists of nine members, who must be appointed as follows:
18	(a) three senators, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the senate
19	president;
20	(b) three representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the
21	speaker of the house; and
22	(c) three members, appointed by the governor.
23	(3) The commission shall review applications RECOMMENDATIONS for funding for grants for
24	communications projects and provide recommendations to the executive on which projects should be funded.
25	(4) Appointed members of the commission shall be compensated and receive travel expenses as
26	provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at commission meetings or in the performance of any duty
27	or service as a commission member.



1	(6) FUNDING FOR THE COMMISSION IS ALLOCATED FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ALLOWED IN [SECTION 9]				
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3	NEW SECTION. Section 9. Appropriations Appropriation for communications project grants				
4	PROJECTS. (1) There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law				
5	117-2, appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the governor DEPARTMENT OF				
6	COMMERCE for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, for communications project grants as follows.				
7	Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following items. Appropriations are PROJECTS. THE				
8	APPROPRIATION IS authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023.				
9	Amount ARPA Section				
10	250,000,000 <u>275,000,000</u> 9901, 602				
11	(2) Communication projects are those related to broadband, INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING cell towers, or				
12	public safety <u>, IF ELIGIBLE</u> .				
13	(3) For any grant PROJECTS awarded with these funds, a local government or private entity must provide				
14	matching funds.				
15	(4) References to "ARPA Section" mean references to section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act				
16	of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602 or section				
17	604.				
18	(5) Up to 3% of the funds appropriated in this section may be allocated for administrative				
19	COSTS.				
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21	NEW SECTION. Section 10. Eligibility submission deadline preference approval of				
22	recommendations. (1) Local governments and private entities shall submit grant requests and supporting				
23	materials, including the amount of matching funds available, to the applicable state agency by July 1, 2021, in				
24	order to be eligible for funding under [section 6 7 8]. The agency will review grant applications, rank projects,				
25	and issue a list of recommended projects to the advisory commission by August 15, 2021.				
26	(2)(1) The advisory commission shall review the lists of recommended projects and issue a final list of				
27	recommended projects to the executive by September 1, 2021.				
28	$\frac{3}{2}$ In preparing recommendations, preference must be given to projects that provide broadband				



access to <u>UNSERVED</u>, underserved, and high needs areas <u>AS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</u>.

- 2 Preference may also be given to projects that provide a higher match rate.
- 3 (4)(3) The recommendations of the advisory commission must be considered by the governor and
- 4 reviewed to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance. The governor may modify
- 5 recommendations and shall provide the final list of approved projects to the legislative finance committee by
- October 15, 2021. If the Governor modifies the List of recommended projects submitted by the
- 7 COMMISSION, THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING SHALL REPORT AND EXPLAIN THE CHANGES TO THE
- 8 <u>ADVISORY COMMISSION AND THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING.</u>
 - (4) If it is later determined that a project cannot be completed, the governor may authorize another A

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 project is identified not to be eligible based on federal guidance or regulation and, if completed, would result in
 a reduction in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act or require the state to repay or refund money to the
 federal government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act, the governor may authorize another A

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- 16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 11. Economic <u>TRANSFORMATION AND</u> stabilization <u>ADVISORY</u> commission.
- 17 (1) There is an American Rescue Plan economic <u>TRANSFORMATION AND</u> stabilization advisory commission.
- 18 (2) The commission consists of nine members, who must be appointed as follows:
- 19 (a) three senators, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the senate 20 president;
 - (b) three representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house; and
 - (c) three members appointed by the governor.
 - (3) The commission shall review applications for funding for economic <u>TRANSFORMATION AND</u> stabilization projects and provide a list of recommendations to the executive.
- 26 (4) Appointed members of the commission must be compensated and receive travel expenses as
 27 provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at commission meetings or in the performance of any duty
 28 or service as a commission member.



1	(5) THE ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND STABILIZATION ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE BUSINESS				
2	APPLICANTS TO DISCLOSE WHETHER THEY RECEIVED MONEY ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE FROM THE CORONAVIRUS				
3	AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT OF 2020 (CARES ACT) OR THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF				
4	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2020 (CRRSA) AND, IF SO, THE AMOUNT RECEIVED AND THE BASIS AND				
5	PURPOSE OF THE AWARD. IN MAKING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, THE ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT				
6	THE FACT THAT THE APPLICANT HAS ALREADY BENEFITED FROM FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO				
7	COVID-19, BUT A PREVIOUS CARES ACT OR CRRSA AWARD MAY NOT PRECLUDE CONSIDERATION OF AN				
8	APPLICATION.				
9	(6) THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SHALL STAFF THE COMMISSION.				
10	(7) FUNDING FOR THE COMMISSION IS ALLOCATED FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ALLOWED IN [SECTION 12]				
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12	NEW SECTION. Section 12. Appropriations Appropriation for economic TRANSFORMATION AND				
13	stabilization grants. (1) There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,				
14	Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the governor for				
15	the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, for economic TRANSFORMATION AND stabilization grants or loans as				
16	follows. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following items. Appropriations are THE				
17	APPROPRIATION IS authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023.				
18	Amount ARPA Section				
19	150,000,000 9901, 602				
20	(2) \$10 MILLION OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THIS SECTION MUST BE USED FOR RAPID RETRAINING JOBS				
21	TRAINING.				
22	(3) THE APPROPRIATION IN THIS SECTION MAY BE USED FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS				
23	TRANSFORMATION AND STABILIZATION PROGRAMS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WORKFORCE TRAINING INCLUDING				
24	RAPID RETRAINING, RETURN-TO-WORK BONUSES, OR SHORT-TERM WAGE SUBSIDIES, BUSINESS ASSISTANCE FOR HIRING				
25	OR REHIRING EMPLOYEES, BUSINESS ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING OR RETRAINING EMPLOYEES, BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY				
26	GRANTS, AGRICULTURAL RESILIENCY, AND BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION OR STABILIZATION GRANTS.				
27	(4) UP TO 3% OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THIS SECTION MAY BE ALLOCATED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.				



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1	NEW SECTION. Section 13. Eligibility submission deadline preference approval of
2	recommendations. (1) APPLICABLE AGENCIES SHALL RECOMMEND PROGRAMS AND FUNDING AMOUNTS TO THE
3	ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.
4	(2) WITHIN THE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY THE APPLICABLE AGENCIES, Businesses BUSINESSES OR OTHER
5	ORGANIZATIONS shall submit grant requests and supporting materials to the applicable state agency by July 1,
6	2021, in order to be eligible for funding under [section 9 40 41 12]. The agency will review grant applications,
7	rank grant applications, and issue a list of recommended grants to the ADVISORY commission ESTABLISHED IN
8	[SECTION 8 10 11] by August 15, 2021.
9	$\frac{(2)}{3}$ The advisory commission shall review the lists of recommended grants and other proposed uses
10	of the funds and issue a final list of recommended grants and uses of funds to the executive by September 1,
11	2021 .
12	(4) THE APPLICABLE AGENCY IS AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL ROUNDS OF GRANT PROPOSALS TO THE
13	COMMISSION AS NEEDED.
14	(3)(5) THE ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUNDS
15	APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 11 13 THROUGH 14 16 [SECTIONS 14, 16, AND 17]. THE DEPARTMENT OF
16	COMMERCE SHALL REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON LOANS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL
17	REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE IN [SECTION 15].
18	(3)(4) (6) The recommendations of the advisory commission must be considered by the governor and
19	reviewed to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance. The governor may modify
20	recommendations and shall provide the final list of approved projects to the legislative finance committee by
21	October 15, 2021. IF THE GOVERNOR MODIFIES THE LIST OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY THE
22	COMMISSION, THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING SHALL REPORT AND EXPLAIN THE CHANGES TO THE
23	ADVISORY COMMISSION AND TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING.
24	(7) If it is later determined that a project cannot be completed, the governor may authorize another A
25	DIFFERENT project and provide a report to the legislative finance committee. If at any time it is determined that a
26	project is identified not to be eligible based on federal guidance or regulation and, if completed, would result in
27	a reduction in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act or require the state to repay or refund money to the
28	federal government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act, the governor may authorize another A



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3	NEW SECTION. Secti	ion 14.	Appropriations for housing and	workforce training programs. (1)	
4	There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2,				
5	appropriated to the office of bu	dget an	d program planning and allocated to	the department of commerce as	
6	follows for the fiscal year begin	nning Ju	ly 1, 2020. Appropriation authority is	intended to be allocated to the	
7	following items. Appropriations	are au	thorized to continue through the bier	nium beginning July 1, 2023.	
8	Amount	Purpo	ose	ARPA Section	
9	50,000,000	Mortg	age Assistance	3206 , 3208	
10	11,000,000 <u>11,459,76</u>	<u>8</u>	Revolving Fund for Low-Income I	Housing HOME PROGRAM	
11	SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION			3205	
12	152,400,000	Emer	gency Rental Assistance	3201 , 3202, 3204	
13		Work	force		
14	(2) Grants and other u	ses of f	unds must be targeted to industries	with workforce shortages and	
15	promoting high-demand, high-	wage jo	bs, and short-term training to be deli	vered in the private sector.	
16	(3)(2) For Emergency	Rental	Assistance, funds may be used to pa	y rent or rental arrears to any place	
17	where someone pays on a per	iodic ba	sis for shelter, including but not limit	ed to nursing homes, senior assisted	
18	living, group homes, low-incom	ne hous	ing, workforce housing, transitional h	ousing, and correctional facilities, IF	
19	ELIGIBLE. IF FEDERAL GUIDANCE ALLOWS FOR OTHER USES OF EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS, THESE FUNDS				
20	MAY BE USED FOR THOSE ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED PURPOSES.				
21	(4)(3) The economic stabilization ADVISORY commission ESTABLISHED IN [SECTION 8 10 11] shall provide				
22	oversight to the department on	the use	e of funds in this section.		
23	$\frac{(5)}{(4)}$ The department of commerce or applicable agency is encouraged to use existing programs,				

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NEW SECTION. Section 15. State Small Business Credit Initiative insert. There is appropriated to the department of commerce up to \$65 million in federal funds received pursuant to section 3301 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, for the State Small Business Credit Initiative. Funds are

where feasible, to implement the programs provided for in this section.



to be distributed in accordance with department of treasury guidelines and as detailed in the department of commerce application specific to the program. The appropriation is for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and is authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2031.

NEW SECTION. Section 16. Appropriations to department of labor and industry. (1) There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the department of labor and industry for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, that are authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following items.

10	Amount	Purpose	ARPA Section
11	5,500,000	Workforce OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE	2206
12	5,200,000	Unemployment Administration	9031, 9032
13	2,000,000	RAPID RETRAINING FOR VETERANS	8006

(2) References to "ARPA Section" mean references to sections of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

NEW SECTION. Section 17. Appropriations to department of transportation -- grants. (1) There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the department of transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, that are authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following items.

22	Amount	Purpose	ARPA Section
23	600,000	Grants to Airports	7102
24	800,000	Grants for Rural Transit	3401

25 (2) References to "ARPA Section" mean references to sections of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

NEW SECTION. Section 18. Health advisory commission. (1) There is an American Rescue Plan



1	health advisory commission.
2	(2) The commission consists of nine members, who must be appointed as follows:
3	(a) three senators, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the senate
4	president;
5	(b) three representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the
6	speaker of the house; and:
7	(A) MEMBERS OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FROM THE
8	67TH LEGISLATURE; AND
9	(e)(b) three members appointed by the governor.
10	(3) The commission shall recommend how funds allocated to the department of public health and
11	human services are to be used.
12	(4) Appointed members of the commission must be compensated and receive travel expenses as
13	provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at commissions meetings or in the performance of any duty
14	or service as a commission member.
15	(5) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL STAFF THE COMMISSION.
16	(6) FUNDING FOR THE COMMISSION IS ALLOCATED FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ALLOWED IN [SECTION 20].
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18	NEW SECTION. Section 19. Deadlines meetings recommendations approval. (1) The
19	committee commission shall meet on or before June 1, 2021, and shall report its recommendations to the
20	director of the department of public health and human services on or before June 15, 2021, OR AS OTHERWISE
21	IDENTIFIED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION.
22	(2) The recommendations of the advisory commission must be considered by the executive. The
23	department shall provide reports to the commission on implementation.
24	(3) THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION MUST BE CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNOR AND
25	REVIEWED TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND ALL APPLICABLE GUIDANCE. THE GOVERNOR MAY
26	MODIFY RECOMMENDATIONS AND SHALL PROVIDE THE LIST OF APPROVED PROJECTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE
27	COMMITTEE BY OCTOBER 15, 2021. IF THE GOVERNOR MODIFIES THE LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE
28	COMMISSION, THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING SHALL REPORT AND EXPLAIN THE CHANGE TO THE



1 <u>ADVISORY COMMISSION AND TO THE</u> <u>LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING.</u>

2 (4) IF IT IS LATER DETERMINED THAT A PROJECT CANNOT BE COMPLETED, THE GOVERNOR MAY AUTHORIZE A

DIFFERENT PROJECT AND PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE. IF AT ANY TIME IT IS

4 DETERMINED THAT A PROJECT IS IDENTIFIED NOT TO BE ELIGIBLE BASED ON FEDERAL GUIDANCE OR REGULATION AND, IF

COMPLETED, WOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION IN FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OR REQUIRE THE

6 STATE TO REPAY OR REFUND MONEY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT,

THE GOVERNOR MAY AUTHORIZE A DIFFERENT PROJECT AND PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE

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NEW SECTION. Section 20. Appropriations to department of public health and human
services. (1) There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law
117-2, appropriated to the department of public health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
2020, and continuing into the biennium beginning July 1, 2021. Appropriations are authorized to continue
through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following
items. References to "ARPA Section" mean references to sections in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,
Public Law 117-2.

17	Amount	Progra	n	ARPA	Section
18	13,000,000 11,000,000		SNAP	1101,1	102
19	200,000	Commo	odity Supplemental Food Program	1104	
20	900,000	Family	Violence Prevention	2204	
21	1,111,000	Child A	buse Prevention	2205	
22	22,500,000	Vaccine	e Distribution and Supply	2301	
23	143,400,000	Testing	and Contact Tracing	2401	
24	111,000,000 112,500,0	<u>00</u>	Child Care Stabilization & Block Grants		2201, 2202
25	1,700,000	State V	eterans' Homes	8004	
26	23,000,000	Public I	Health Workforce	2501	
27	20,000,000	Rapid F	Retraining Jobs Training	9901/6	02
28	17,000,000 <u>10,500,000</u>		SAMHSA/Mental Health and Substance	Use Dis	sorder



1		Mental Health Block Grant	2701 <u>, 2702, 2703, 2705</u> ,	
2	<u>2706, 2707</u>			
3		Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment	2702	
4		Block Grant		
5	-	Mental and Behavioral Health Training	2703	
6		Grants for Healthcare Providers to Promote	2705	
7		Mental and Behavioral Health		
8	-	Community-based Funding for Local		
9	-	Substance Use Disorder Services	2706	
10		Community-based Funding for	2707	
11		Local Behavioral Health Needs		
12	21,000,000 <u>31,775,000</u>	LIHEAP/Water Assistance	2911, 2912	
13	1,000,000	Supporting Older Americans and Families	2921	
14		Home and Community-Based Supportive	2921	
15	-	Services for Blind News Service		
16	930,000	Emergency Food and Shelter Program	4007, 4008	
17	2,726,000	Pandemic Emergency Assistance	9201	
18		Elder Justice Programs	9301	
19		Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood	9101	
20		Home Visiting		
21	<u>1,130,000</u>	WIC	1105	
22	1,223,000	IDEA Infants and toddlers	2014	
23	(2) THERE ARE FEDERAL	FUNDS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 9901 OF T	THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT	
24	OF 2021, PUBLIC LAW 117-2, WH	ICH AMENDS TITLE VI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	TO INCLUDE SECTION 602,	
25	APPROPRIATED TO THE OFFICE OF	BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING AND ALLOCATED	TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	
26	6 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AS FOLLOWS:			
27	(A) \$15 MILLION FOR NURSING HOME SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS; AND			
28	(B) \$2.75 MILLION FOR A	MEDICAID RATE STUDY.		



(2)(3) For SNAP, the appropriation is to be used for the 15% benefit extension, for administration, and for contracted private sector workforce training THROUGH EXISTING PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY OR THROUGH CONTRACTED PRIVATE SECTOR VENDORS.

(3) For Rapid Retraining Jobs Training, funding is appropriated to the department of health and human services for contracted private sector workforce training. This training is to prioritize short-term training for high demand occupations. The department will use pay-for-performance contracts and require quarterly reporting that follows up on individual job placements for 1 full year after training.

(4) For SAMHSA, it is the intent of the legislature that the executive consider use of the SAMHSA funds above for the purposes of the HEART fund and for suicide prevention, including the use of the Utah model for suicide prevention that includes social media outreach, and for potential use in the department of corrections.

(5) For Child Care Stabilization-block grants provided for in section 2201 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117, the department shall use the funds for a subgrant system, prioritized to child care deserts for one-time equipment and necessary infrastructure, property improvements, worksite child care, LICENSING, and employee training AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

NEW SECTION. Section 21. Appropriation ALLOCATION to the judicial branch. There is appropriated \$944,721 in federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 (602), TO THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING AND ALLOCATED to the judicial branch to support court operations impacted by the pandemic by streamlining the resolution of family law cases through early mediation and simplified proceedings in judicial districts with heavy caseloads or in remote areas of the state.

NEW SECTION. Section 22. Appropriation ALLOCATION to department of justice. (1) There are federal funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated ALLOCATED to the department of justice for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 FROM THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 7]. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following items. Appropriations are authorized to continue in the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. References to "ARPA Section" mean references to sections in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

Amount Program



ARPA Section

1	1,000,000	Freezer, Morgue, and Refrigeration Space	9901, 604
2	1,000,000	Crime Lab Facility Space	9901, 602
3	(2) AUTHORITY IS GRAN	TED TO CONSTRUCT THE PROJECTS IN THIS SECTION	

NEW SECTION. Section 23. Appropriations to office of public instruction AND OFFICE OF BUDGET

AND PROGRAM PLANNING. (1) There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of

2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the office of public instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following items. Appropriations are authorized to

continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. References to "ARPA Section" mean references to

sections in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

11	Amount	Purpose	ARPA Section
12	343,817,312	Basic Allocation to School Districts	2001
13	3,400,000	Supplemental Allocation to School Districts	2001
14	120,000	Allocation to Other Educational Institutions	2001
15	555,234	Education Leadership in Montana	2001
16	5,475,248	OPI Database Modernization	2001
17	1,910,096	Administration	2001
18	19,100,962	State Learning Loss	2001
19	3,820,192	State Summer Enrichment	2001
20	3,820,192	State Afterschool Programs	2001
21	7,000,000	Assistance to Nonpublic Schools	-2002
22	10,200,000 <u>9,241,420</u>	Individual INDIVIDUALS with Disabilities EDUCATION	<u>ON</u> Act 2014

- (2) The appropriations to the office of public instruction in subsection (1) are restricted as follows:
- (a) For Basic Allocation to School Districts, the amount allocated by the office of public instruction to school districts must be as required by federal law. The office of public instruction shall distribute funds via grants for expenses that are consistent with section 2001(e) of ESSER III.
- (b) For Supplemental Allocation to School Districts, the office of public instruction shall allocate the funds as follows:



(i) a school district with fewer than 6 quality educators receives \$10,000;

(ii) a school district with 6 or more quality educators that receives less than an amount equal to \$10,000 times the number of the district's quality educators in the basic allocation receives an amount for every quality educator plus an additional \$50 for every quality educator that the district is below the statewide average of quality educators for each district;

- (iii) the amount for every quality educator must be calculated to use the \$3.4 million appropriation; and
- (iv) the office of public instruction shall distribute the funds in the same manner as used for the basic allocation.
- (c) For Allocation to Other Educational Institutions, an allocation to the school for the deaf and blind,
 Pine Hills youth correctional facility, and the youth academy must be made on a per-quality-educator basis. The
 office of public instruction shall distribute the funds in the same manner as used for the basic allocation.
- (d) For Education Leadership in Montana, the office of public instruction shall create a system to build the capacity of principals, teachers, and other leaders to ensure recovery of each school from the effects of the covid-19 pandemic in a model that addresses the learning opportunities missed and needed by each person to reach their full educational potential.
- (e) For OPI Database Modernization, funds must be used by the office of public instruction to repair, improve, or replace existing data systems to respond to learning loss associated with the pandemic. Actions taken must be consistent with 20-7-104.
- (f) For Administration, funds must be used by the office of public instruction for administration of ESSER III activities.
- (g) For State Learning Loss, State Summer Enrichment, and State Afterschool Programs, funds may be used at the discretion of the office of public instruction for purposes allowed by federal law and may include grants to school districts. A school district may use these funds to provide allowable support to a special education cooperative of which it is a member. Any funds granted to school districts must be distributed in the same manner as used for the basic allocation.
- (3) THERE IS APPROPRIATED \$7 MILLION TO THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING FOR ASSISTANCE

 TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM THE FUNDS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2002 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

 ACT, PUBLIC LAW 117-2.



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2 NEW SECTION. Section 24. Appropriations to commissioner of higher education, state library, 3 and Montana arts council. (1) There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to agencies 4 5 listed below for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the 6 following items. Appropriations are authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. 7 References to "ARPA Section" mean references to sections in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public 8 Law 117-2. 9 Amount Purpose **ARPA Section** Agency 10 Office of the Commissioner 11 of Higher Education 7,500,000 12 Montana Research and Economic 602rr 13 **Development Initiative** 14 1,000,000 Teacher Education Programs 602rr 15 1.000.000 Workforce Recovery COVID-19 602rr 16 2,000,000 Accelerate Montana 602rr 17 1,500,000 Cyber Hub 8006 18 2.000.000 Center for Translational Medicine 602rr 2,000,000 19 Rapid Retraining for Veterans 8006 Montana Arts Council 764.000 20 2021 21 120.000 Newsline 2921 State Library 22 1.235.444 Hot Spot Lending Program 2023 23 1,000,000 E-Learning Digital Content 2023 24 (2) For Teacher Education Programs, the purpose is to retool teacher education programs to train 25 teachers on proficiency education success in a virtual world. 26 (2) THERE ARE FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2021 THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021, PUBLIC LAW 117-2, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$764,000 APPROPRIATED TO THE MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL FOR THE 27 28 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020. APPROPRIATIONS ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE BIENNIUM



1	BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023.
2	(3) THERE ARE FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021,
3	PUBLIC LAW 117-2, APPROPRIATED TO THE STATE LIBRARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020.
4	APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY IS INTENDED TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. APPROPRIATIONS ARE
5	AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE BIENNIUM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023.
6	1,235,444 HOT SPOT LENDING PROGRAM 2023
7	1,000,000 E-LEARNING DIGITAL CONTENT 2023
8	(4) THERE IS ALLOCATED \$120,000 TO THE STATE LIBRARY FOR NEWSLINE FROM THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN
9	[SECTION 20] FOR SUPPORTING OLDER AMERICANS AND FAMILIES.
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11	NEW SECTION. Section 25. Appropriation Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. There is
12	APPROPRIATED TO THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING \$81.8 MILLION TO DISTRIBUTE PURSUANT TO
13	SECTION 9901 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021, PUBLIC LAW, 117-2, WHICH AMENDS TITLE VI OF THE
14	SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO INCLUDE SECTION 603.
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16	NEW SECTION. Section 26. Audit appropriations. (1) Of the federal funds appropriated to the
17	OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING IN [SECTION 14] AND APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
18	IN [SECTION 15], THE AMOUNT OF \$20,500 IS RESERVED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION AS A RESTRICTED AND
19	BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023 BIENNIUM.
20	(2) OF THE FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING IN SECTIONS
21	2, 7, AND 12], THE AMOUNT OF \$47,150 IS RESERVED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION AS A RESTRICTED AND
22	BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023 BIENNIUM AS FOLLOWS:
23	(a) American Rescue Plan Act testing, \$36,900; and
24	(B) SINGLE AUDIT ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING, \$10,250.
25	(3) OF THE FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION IN [SECTION 23], THE
26	AMOUNT OF \$20,500 IS RESERVED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION AS A RESTRICTED AND BIENNIAL
27	APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023 BIENNIUM.
28	(4) OF THE FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN



1 [SECTION 20], THE AMOUNT OF \$12,300 IS RESERVED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION AS A RESTRICTED AND 2 BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023 BIENNIUM. 3 (5) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION WILL INCLUDE ESTIMATED AUDIT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH [THIS ACT] IN 4 THE ESTIMATED AUDIT COSTS PROVIDED FOR IN 5-13-402 FOR THE 2025 BIENNIUM. 5 (6) AS PROVIDED FOR IN 17-7-141, AGENCIES APPROPRIATED FUNDS THROUGH [THIS ACT] WILL RESERVE 6 ENOUGH MONEY FROM THESE FEDERAL FUNDS TO PAY ASSOCIATED AUDIT COSTS IN THE 2025 BIENNIUM. 7 8 NEW SECTION. Section 27. Authorization to modify or increase Modifications to 9 appropriations and authorizations -- report of modifications or changes. (1) The governor, or the budget 10 director under the direction of the governor, is authorized to redirect appropriations and authorizations to other 11 projects or appropriations within [this act] to ensure conformity with applicable federal laws, regulations, and 12 guidance issued by federal agencies. 13 (2) (a) If a proposed line-item transfer or a fund switch in [this act] exceeds \$100,000, the budget 14 director shall submit a legal analysis and detailed description of the requested line-item transfer or fund switch 15 to the legislative fiscal analyst 30 days prior to the next scheduled meeting of the legislative finance committee. 16 (b) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply: 17 (i) "Line-item transfer" means the transfer of appropriation authority from one line-item APPROPRIATION 18 to a different line-item APPROPRIATION WITHIN THE SAME SECTION OF [THIS ACT]. TRANSFERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED 19 BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN DIFFERENT SECTIONS.

- (ii) "Fund switch" means a change in a line-item fund source or account to another fund source or account.
- (3) WHEN FEDERAL GUIDANCE IS ISSUED RELATED TO THE USE OF "REDUCTION IN REVENUE" FUNDS

 PURSUANT TO SECTION 9901 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021, PUBLIC LAW 117-2, AMENDING TITLE VI

 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO INCLUDE SECTION 602(C)(1)(C), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "REVENUE REPLACEMENT

 FUNDS", THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING WILL CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE

 PURSUANT TO THAT SECTION 602 AND RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE AN

 AMOUNT TO BE ALLOCATED AMONG THE APPROPRIATIONS OF 602 FUNDS IN [THIS ACT].
 - (3)(4) The legislative finance committee shall review the proposed line-item transfer or fund switch OR

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THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE USE OF REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUNDS AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3), at the next meeting. A representative of the office of budget and program planning shall be present at the meeting to discuss the proposal <u>OR RECOMMENDATION</u>. The legislative finance committee may take up to 15 days following its meeting to review and comment on the proposal <u>OR RECOMMENDATION</u>. The office of budget and program planning may provide a response to the comments within 15 days of receiving the committee's comments.

(4)(5) The governor, or the budget director at the direction of the governor, is authorized to adjust the parameters of a program or service appropriated in [this act] to ensure conformity with applicable federal laws, regulations, and guidance issued by federal agencies. If the parameters of a program are adjusted, the office of budget and program planning shall notify the legislative finance committee of the change at its next scheduled meeting. The legislative finance committee may take up to 15 days following its meeting to review and comment on the proposal. The office of budget and program planning may provide a response to the comments within 15 days of receiving the committee's comments.

(5)(6) If a proposed line-item transfer or a fund switch or a modification to the parameters of a program or service is of an urgent nature, the budget director shall notify the legislative fiscal analyst as soon as possible and the 30-day notice is not required. The legislative finance committee shall convene as soon as possible to review the proposal and provide comment. The meeting may be held in a virtual setting.

(6)(7) If additional funds are received by the state from the federal government above the levels appropriated in [this act], House Bill No. 3, or House Bill No. 630, the approving authority as defined in 17-7-102 may authorize a budget amendment as defined in Title 17, chapter 7, part 4, and the requirements of 17-7-402(1)(e) do not apply. If a federal appropriation is not included in [this act], House Bill No. 3, or House Bill No. 630, for a specific grant authorized by the federal government or in an amount sufficient to appropriate the entire amount received from a federal agency to deploy funds authorized by the federal government, the requirements of 17-7-402(1)(e) do not apply.

NEW SECTION. Section 28. Dissemination Performance MEASURES -- DISSEMINATION of information -- reporting and accountability. (1) APPLICABLE AGENCIES WILL PROPOSE A PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PLAN TO THE COMMISSIONS.

(2) AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO A COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY [SECTION 1,5 7, 8 10, OR 15 17] MUST IN





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established in [this act] when preparing final recommendations to the executive.

1 2 **Section 30.** Section 2-17-603, MCA, is amended to read: 3 "2-17-603. Government competition with private internet services providers prohibited --4 exceptions. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2)(a) or (2)(b), an agency or political subdivision of the state 5 may not directly or through another agency or political subdivision be an internet services provider. 6 (2) (a) An agency or political subdivision may act as an internet services provider if: 7 (i) no private internet services provider is available within the jurisdiction served by the agency or 8 political subdivision; or 9 (ii) the agency or political subdivision provided services prior to July 1, 2001. 10 (b) An agency or political subdivision may act as an internet services provider when providing 11 advanced services that are not otherwise available from a private internet services provider within the 12 jurisdiction served by the agency or political subdivision. 13 (c) If a private internet services provider elects to provide internet services in a jurisdiction where an 14 agency or political subdivision is providing internet services, the private internet services provider shall inform 15 the agency or the political subdivision in writing at least 30 days in advance of offering internet services. 16 (3) Upon receiving notice pursuant to subsection (2)(c), the agency or political subdivision shall notify 17 its subscribers within 30 days of the intent of the private internet services provider to begin providing internet 18 services and may choose to discontinue providing internet services within 180 days of the notice. 19 (4) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit an agency or political subdivision from: 20 (a) offering electronic government services to the general public; or 21 (b) acquiring access to the internet from a private internet services provider in order to offer electronic 22 government services to the general public; or 23 (c) investing in infrastructure to improve, construct, extend, expand, or maintain internet service as 24 determined appropriate by the political subdivision. Investment in infrastructure permitted in this section must 25 be: 26 (i) in cooperation with a private internet service provider; or



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(ii) provided through an agreement or contract with a private internet service provider."

1 NEW SECTION. Section 31. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a 2 copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana. 3 4 NEW SECTION. Section 32. Long-range projects funding. (1) If any of the allocations for 5 PROJECTS OUTLINED IN [SECTION 33 THROUGH 36] ARE DETERMINED TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE 6 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, FUNDING FOR EACH INELIGIBLE PROJECT IS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROJECT FROM THE 7 SOURCE OF FUNDING DESIGNATED IN THE INTRODUCED VERSION OF THE RESPECTIVE LONG-RANGE BILL. 8 (2) IF ANY OF THE ALLOCATIONS FOR PROJECTS OUTLINED IN [SECTION 37] ARE DETERMINED TO BE INELIGIBLE 9 FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, FUNDING FOR THOSE PROJECTS SHALL BE: 10 (A) APPROPRIATED FROM THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENTS LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM ACCOUNT 11 PROVIDED FOR IN 17-7-209 FOR PROJECTS FUNDED [SECTION 1] OF HOUSE BILL NO. 14; 12 (B) APPROPRIATED FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT PROVIDED FOR IN 13 17-5-703(3)(A) FUNDED THROUGH [SECTION 5] OF HOUSE BILL NO. 14; AND 14 (C) APPROPRIATED FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES PROJECTS STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT PROVIDED 15 FOR IN 15-38-302 FUNDED THROUGH [SECTION 9] OF HOUSE BILL NO. 14. 16 17 COORDINATION SECTION. Section 33. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 5. (1) If both 18 House Bill No. 5 and [this act] are passed and approved, then the appropriations for the OPI MT Learning 19 Center Civil Infrastructure Upgrades and the UM FLBS Sewer Treatment Plant in [section 2(1)] of House Bill 20 No. 5 are void and there is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the 21 department of administration \$2,050,000 from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan 22 Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 23 602), for those projects FOR THOSE PROJECTS FROM THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2]. 24 (2) If both House Bill No. 5 and [this act] are passed and approved, then the appropriations for the 25 following projects in [section 2(1)] of House Bill No. 5 are void and there is appropriated to the office of budget



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and program planning and allocated to the department of administration \$5,310,000 from federal funds received

pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the

Social Security Act to include section 604), for those projects FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS FROM THE FUNDS

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- 2 (a) MSU Haynes Hall Lab Ventilation Upgrades;
- 3 (b) MSU BLGS Art Annex Safety and System Upgrades;
- 4 (c) UM-HC Donaldson Building HVAC Upgrades:
- 5 (d) MSU-N Auto Tech Building System Improvements;
- 6 (e) MSDB Card Lock System; and
- 7 (f) MSU-N Brockmann Center HVAC and Energy Project.

COORDINATION SECTION. Section 34. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 6. (1) If both House Bill No. 6 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [the introductory paragraph of section 1(1)] of House Bill No. 6 must read:

- "(1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, there is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of natural resources and conservation from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602), FROM FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] OF HOUSE BILL NO. 632, up to:".
- (2) If both House Bill No. 6 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 1(2)] of House Bill No. 6 must read:
- "(2) The amount of \$4,500,000 is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of natural resources and conservation from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602), THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] OF HOUSE BILL No. 632, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021. The funds referred to in this subsection must be awarded by the department to the named entities for the described purposes and in the grant amounts listed in subsection (4), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 2 and 3] and the contingencies described in the renewable resource grant and loan program January 2021 report to the 67th legislature titled: "Governor's Executive Budget Fiscal Years 2021-2023 Volume 6"."



COORDINATION SECTION. Section 35. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 7. If both House Bill No. 7 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 1(2)] of House Bill No. 7 must read:

"(2) The amount of \$3,273,833 is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of natural resources and conservation from the natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302 and the amount of \$429,000 is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of natural resources and conservation from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602), THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] OF HOUSE BILL NO. 632 for grants to political subdivisions and local governments during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021. The funds in this subsection must be awarded by the department to the named entities for the described purposes and in the grant amounts set out in subsection (4) subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 2 and 3] and the contingencies described in the reclamation and development grants program report to the 67th legislature titled: "Governor's Executive Budget Fiscal Years 2021-2023 Volume 5".

COORDINATION SECTION. Section 36. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 11. If both House Bill No. 11 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 1(1)] of House Bill No. 11 must read:

- "(1) There is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of commerce \$9,869,800 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602), THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] OF HOUSE BILL No. 632 to finance treasure state endowment program grants authorized by subsection (2)."
- (2) If both House Bill No. 11 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 5] of House Bill No.11 must read:

"There is appropriated ALLOCATED \$100,000 from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602), to the office of budget and program planning and allocated FROM THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] OF HOUSE BILL NO. 632 to the department of commerce for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing local governments, as defined in 90-6-701, with emergency grants for infrastructure

1 projects, as defined in 90-6-701."

2 (3) If both House Bill No. 11 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 6] of House Bill No.

3 11 must read:

"There is appropriated ALLOCATED \$900,000 from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602), to the office of budget and program planning and allocated FROM THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] OF HOUSE BILL No. 632 to the department of commerce for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing local governments, as defined in 90-6-701, with the infrastructure planning grants for infrastructure projects, as defined in 90-6-701."

(4) If both House Bill No. 11 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 7(1)] of House Bill No. 11 must read:

"There is appropriated ALLOCATED \$5,000,000 from the federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602), to the office of budget and program planning and allocated FROM THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] OF HOUSE BILL No. 632 to the department of natural resources and conservation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, to finance the state's share of regional water system projects authorized in subsection (2) and as set forth in 90-6-715."

COORDINATION SECTION. Section 37. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 14. (1) If both House Bill No. 14 and [this act] are passed and approved, then there is appropriated from the federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 604), to the office of budget and program planning and allocated FROM THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 7] to the department of administration:

- (a) \$26,200,000 for the MT Veterinarian Diagnostic & Ag Analytical Labs;
- 25 (b)(a) \$6,500,000 for Liquor Warehouse Expansion; and
- 26 (c)(b) \$4,800,000 for the UM-W Block Hall Renovation.
 - (2) (A) If BOTH HOUSE BILL NO. 14 AND [THIS ACT] ARE PASSED AND APPROVED, THEN THERE IS ALLOCATED \$26,200,000 FROM THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 20] TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE MT



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2 (B) If IT DETERMINED THAT THE PROJECT IDENTIFIED IN (2)(A) IS INELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING FROM THE

- 3 APPROPRIATIONS IN [SECTION 20], THE ALLOCATION IN (2)(A) IS VOID AND THERE IS ALLOCATED \$26,200,000 FROM THE
- 4 FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 7] TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE MT VETERINARIAN
- 5 DIAGNOSTIC & AG ANALYTICAL LABS.

- 6 (2)(3) If both House Bill No. 14 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 5(1)] of House Bill
 No. 14 must read:
 - "(1) There is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of commerce \$13,707,898 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602), FROM THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] OF HOUSE BILL NO. 632 to finance treasure state endowment program grants authorized by subsection (2)."
 - (3)(4) If both House Bill No. 14 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 9(1)] of House Bill No. 14 must read:
 - "(1) There is appropriated from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602), to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of natural resources and conservation FROM THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] OF HOUSE BILL NO. 632 up to \$4,720,788 for grants to political subdivisions and local governments for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021. The funds referred to in this subsection must be awarded by the department to the named entities for the described purposes and in the grant amounts listed in subsection (3), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 11 and 12] and the contingencies described in the renewable resource grant and loan program January 2021 report to the 67th legislature titled: "Governor's Executive Budget Fiscal Years 2021-2023 Volume 6"."

COORDINATION SECTION. Section 34. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 497. If both House Bill No. 497 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 15 16 17 of this act] must be amended to read:

"Section 15 16 17. Health advisory commission and human services budget committee --



1	recommendations. (1) There is an American Rescue Plan health advisory commission.
2	(2) The commission consists of nine members, who must be appointed as follows:
3	(a) three senators, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the senate
4	president;
5	(b) three representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the
6	speaker of the house; and
7	(c) three members appointed by the governor.
8	(3) The commission shall recommend how funds allocated to the department of public health and
9	human services are to be used. The health and human services budget committee established pursuant to
10	House Bill No. 497 shall recommend how funds appropriated to the department of public health and human
11	services are to be used.
12	(4)(2) Appointed members of the commission committee must be compensated and receive travel
13	expenses as provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at commissions committee meetings or in the
14	performance of any duty or service as a commission committee member.
15	(3) If both House Bill No. 497 and [this act] are passed and approved, all references to the e health and
16	human services commission must be replaced with references to the committee. "
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18	NEW SECTION. SECTION 38. COORDINATION SENATE BILL NO. 297. IF BOTH SENATE BILL NO. 297 AND
19	[THIS ACT] ARE PASSED AND APPROVED, THE APPROPRIATION IN [SECTION 9] SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES SET
20	FORTH IN SENATE BILL NO. 297.
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22	NEW SECTION. SECTION 39. SEVERABILITY. IF A PART OF [THIS ACT] IS INVALID, ALL VALID PARTS THAT
23	ARE SEVERABLE FROM THE INVALID PART REMAIN IN EFFECT. IF A PART OF [THIS ACT] IS INVALID IN ONE OR MORE OF ITS
24	APPLICATIONS, THE PART REMAINS IN EFFECT IN ALL VALID APPLICATIONS THAT ARE SEVERABLE FROM THE INVALID
25	APPLICATIONS.
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27	NEW SECTION. Section 40. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.
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