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 8 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE STATE-LEVEL STRENGTHENING CAREER AND  
 9 TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING  
 10 BETWEEN THE CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDING PURPOSES  
 11 FOR DISTRIBUTED FUNDS; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING AN  
 12 APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 20-7-320, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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 16 **Section 1.** Section 20-7-320, MCA, is amended to read:

17 **"20-7-320. State-level strengthening career and technology student organizations.** (1) There is a  
 18 state-level strengthening career and technology student organizations program.

19 (2) The purposes of the program are to:

20 (a) strengthen Montana's career and technology student organizations by increasing graduation  
 21 rates, enhancing student leadership opportunities, developing workforce skills, and facilitating transitions to  
 22 postsecondary education and employment for all participating students;

23 (b) ensure alignment of activities of local career and technology student organizations with  
 24 nationally affiliated programs and activities; and

25 (c) provide a base of funding for the statewide coordination of state-approved career and  
 26 technology student organizations.

27 (3) To be eligible for funding under this section, each state-approved career and technology  
 28 student organization must be affiliated with a respective national career and technology student organization

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1 and be appropriately incorporated as a Montana nonprofit organization in compliance with state law and  
2 regulations regarding operations and financial reporting ~~by May 1, 2013~~ 2023 ~~2013~~. The career and technology  
3 student organizations eligible for funding under this section are:

4 (a) Montana HOSA: future health professionals;

5 (b) Montana BPA (business professionals of America);

6 (c) Montana DECA;

7 (d) Montana FFA;

8 (e) Montana TSA (technology student association);

9 (f) skillsUSA Montana; and

10 (g) Montana FCCLA (family, career and community leaders of America).

11 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute funds appropriated for grants to state-  
12 approved career and technology student organizations by November 1. Each grant recipient must receive a  
13 base amount of funding to support the ~~position of state director for the organization~~ STAFF, not to exceed  
14 \$75,000 FOR EACH CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION.

15 (5) The superintendent of public instruction shall supervise and coordinate the program by  
16 establishing transparent and publicly available procedures ~~and criteria~~ for review and approval of grants to  
17 state-approved career and technology student organizations.

18 (6) Proposals submitted to the superintendent of public instruction by career and technology  
19 student organizations must contain:

20 (a) a program description, including measurable objectives;

21 (b) evidence of hiring a state director and a plan for expanding student leadership skills;

22 (c) evidence of appropriate activities that will serve to achieve the program objectives; and

23 (d) a method to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

24 (7) Career and technology student organizations may request assistance from the staff of the  
25 superintendent of public instruction in formulating program proposals.

26 (8) Additional or remaining funds appropriated for the purposes of this section ~~may be allocated to~~  
27 shall must be allocated evenly between state-approved career and technology student organizations ~~pursuant~~  
28 ~~to policies adopted under 20-7-301~~ for the purposes of:

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1           (a) supporting career and technology student organizations and meeting program purposes under  
2 subsection (2);

3           (b) increasing participation in career and technology student organizations through efforts  
4 including but not limited to:

5           (i) efforts to increase participation in rural areas and in nonpublic and home schools; and

6           (ii) efforts to make online chapters and opportunities available;

7           (c) increasing certifications, credentials, training, dual enrollment opportunities, internships and  
8 apprenticeships PREAPPRENTICESHIPS, career exploration, and job shadows offered or attained through career  
9 and technology student organizations; and

10          (d) increasing support from private partnerships, including private industry and workforce support  
11 for career and technology student organizations.

12          (9) (a) A career and technology student organization receiving funds through this program shall file  
13 an annual report with the office of public instruction, in a form prescribed by the superintendent of public  
14 instruction, that specifies how the funds were expended for the purposes under subsection (8) and an  
15 evaluation of the effectiveness of the program and measurable objectives pursuant to the proposal submitted  
16 under subsection (6). **The report must be posted to the career and technology student organization website or**  
17 **made available on request and include, at a minimum:**

18           (i) the number of students participating in the career and technology student organization,  
19 including evidence of active participation of members;

20           (ii) the number of career and technology student organization chapters and locations, along with  
21 any changes from the previous grant cycle;

22           (iii) established guidelines for quality chapters and a mechanism for chapters to report  
23 performance;

24           (iv) evidence of activities to develop workforce skills, including the number of certifications,  
25 credentials, trainings, dual enrollment credits, internships, preapprenticeships, work-based learning and career  
26 exploration, or job shadows attained or completed during the previous grant cycle;

27           (v) information about private businesses and industries collaborating or supporting the career and  
28 technology student organization;

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1 (vi) a plan for outreach and support to new chapters;

2 (vii) evidence of state officer leadership training;

3 (viii) evidence of a state conference; and

4 (ix) a budget outlining projected costs for the coming grant year, including any costs over and  
5 above grant amounts.

6 (b) The superintendent of public instruction shall report, in accordance with 5-11-210, to the  
7 education interim committee with a summary of reports received under this subsection.

8 (c) If a career and technology student organization fails to file the report specified under this  
9 subsection (9), that career and technology student organization is ineligible for funding above the base funding  
10 amount of \$75,000 for the ensuing grant cycle and that funding must be evenly distributed between the  
11 remaining career and technology student organizations. If a career and technology student organization  
12 declines additional funding under this subsection (9)(c), that amount must be remitted to the state general fund.

13 ~~(9)(10)~~ As used in this section, "career and technology student organization" means an organization  
14 for students enrolled in a state-approved career and technology program that engages in career and technology  
15 education activities as an integral part of the instructional program."  
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17 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. (1) There is appropriated ~~\$1.5 million~~ \$497,000 from the  
18 general fund to the office of public instruction for each fiscal year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for the  
19 state-level strengthening career and technology student organizations program pursuant to 20-7-320.

20 (2) The legislature intends that the appropriation in this section is in addition to the appropriation  
21 for the state-level strengthening career and technology student organizations program in House Bill No. 2 and  
22 that the total of both appropriations be considered part of the ongoing base for the next legislative session.

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24 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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