

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 382

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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

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.

3 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute funds appropriated for grants to state-
4 approved career and technology student organizations by November 1. Each grant recipient must receive a
5 base amount of funding to support the position of state director for the organization, not to exceed \$75,000.

6 (5) The superintendent of public instruction shall supervise and coordinate the program by
7 establishing procedures and criteria for review and approval of grants to state-approved career and technology
8 student organizations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (8) Additional or remaining funds appropriated for the purposes of this section ~~may be allocated to~~
18 shall be allocated evenly between state-approved career and technology student organizations ~~pursuant to~~
19 policies adopted under 20-7-304 for the purposes of:

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

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

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

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

26 (c) increasing certifications, credentials, training, dual enrollment opportunities, internships and
27 apprenticeships, career exploration, and job shadows offered or attained through career and technology
28 student organizations; and

