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\*\*\*\* BILL NO. \*\*\*\*

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE; REMOVING CERTAIN DUTIES REGARDING THE BOARD OF REGENTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 5-5-224, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 5-5-224, MCA, is amended to read:

**"5-5-224. Education interim committee.** ~~(1)~~ The education interim committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the following executive branch agencies and the entities attached to agencies for administrative purposes:

~~(a)(1)~~ state board of education;

~~(b)(2)~~ board of public education;

~~(c)(3)~~ board of regents of higher education; and

~~(d)(4)~~ office of public instruction.

~~(2) The committee shall:~~

~~(a) provide information to the board of regents in the following areas:~~

~~(i) annual budget allocations;~~

~~(ii) annual goal statement development;~~

~~(iii) long-range planning;~~

~~(iv) outcome assessment programs; and~~

~~(v) any other area that the committee considers to have significant educational or fiscal policy impact;~~

~~(b) periodically review the success or failure of the university system in meeting its annual goals and long-range plans;~~

~~(c) periodically review the results of outcome assessment programs;~~

~~(d) develop mechanisms to ensure strict accountability of the revenue and expenditures of the~~

**Commented [MP1]:** As discussed previously, the entirety of subsection (2) was added from the former statutes establishing the Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget (PEPB) committee which was staffed by LFD and included members of the Board of Regents and a representative from the GOV's office. Removing these duties does not diminish EDIC's responsibility or authority in monitoring the Board of Regents, OCHE, or the MUS under subsection (1).

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- 1 university system;
- 2 (e) study and report to the legislature on the advisability of adjustments to the mechanisms used to
- 3 determine funding for the university system, including criteria for determining appropriate levels of funding;
- 4 (f) act as a liaison between both the legislative and executive branches and the board of regents; and
- 5 (g) encourage cooperation between the legislative and executive branches and the board of regents."

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