

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 632  
2 INTRODUCED BY F. GARNER

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT;  
5 PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF  
6 THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021; ALLOWING  
7 APPROPRIATIONS TO CONTINUE INTO THE 2023 BIENNIUM; PROVIDING CONDITIONS AND  
8 RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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12 (Refer to Introduced Bill)

13 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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15 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriations to the office of public instruction.** (1) There are  
16 federal special revenue funds appropriated to the office of public instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
17 2020. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following items. Appropriations are authorized  
18 to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023.

19	Amount	Purpose	ARPA section
20	\$343,817,312	Basic Allocation to School Districts	2001
21	\$3,400,000	Supplemental Allocation to School Districts	2001
22	\$120,000	Allocation to Other Educational Institutions	2001
23	\$555,234	Education Leadership in Montana	2001
24	\$5,475,248	OPI Database Modernization	2001
25	\$1,910,096	Administration	2001
26	\$19,100,962	State Learning Loss	2001
27	\$3,820,192	State Summer Enrichment	2001
28	\$3,820,192	State Afterschool Programs	2001

**Amendment - 1st Reading - Requested by: Frank Garner**

1           \$7,000,000                           Assistance to Non-Public Schools                           2002

2           \$10,200,000                           Individual with Disabilities Act                           2014

3           (2) The appropriations to the office of public instruction in subsection (1) are restricted as follows:

4           (a) For Basic Allocation to School Districts, the amount allocated by the office of public instruction to  
5 school districts shall be as required by federal law. The office of public instruction shall distribute funds via  
6 grants for expenses that are consistent with Section 2001(e) of ESSER III.

7           (b) For Supplemental Allocation to School Districts, the office of public instruction shall allocate the  
8 funds as follows:

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

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

14           (iii) the amount for every quality educator must be calculated to use the \$3.4 million appropriation; and

15           (iv) the office of public instruction shall distribute the funds in the same manner as used for the basic  
16 allocation.

17           (c) For Allocation to Other Educational Institutions, an allocation to the school for the deaf and blind,  
18 Pine Hills, and the Youth Academy are to be made on a per quality educator basis. The office of public  
19 instruction shall distribute the funds in the same manner as used for the basic allocation.

20           (d) For Education Leadership in Montana, the office of public instruction shall create a system to build  
21 the capacity of principals, teachers, and other leaders to ensure recovery of each school from the effects of the  
22 covid-19 pandemic in a model that addresses the learning opportunities missed and needed by each person to  
23 reach their full educational potential.

24           (e) For OPI Database Modernization, funds shall be used by the office of public instruction to repair,  
25 improve, and/or replace existing data systems to respond to learning loss associated with the pandemic.  
26 Actions taken must be consistent with 20-7-104, MCA.

27           (f) For Administration, funds shall be used by the office of public instruction for administration of ESSER  
28 III activities.

1 (g) For State Learning Loss, State Summer Enrichment, and State Afterschool Programs, funds may be  
 2 used at the discretion of the office of public instruction for purposes allowed by federal law and may include  
 3 grants to school districts. A school district may use these funds to provide allowable support to a special  
 4 education cooperative of which it is member. Any funds granted to school districts shall be distributed in the  
 5 same manner as used for the basic allocation.

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7 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriations to the commissioner of higher education, state**  
 8 **library, historical society, and Montana arts council.** (1) There are federal special revenue funds  
 9 appropriated to the agencies listed below for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Appropriation authority is  
 10 intended to be allocated to the following items. Appropriations are authorized to continue through in the  
 11 biennium beginning July 1, 2023.

12 Agency	Amount	Purpose	ARPA sec.
13 Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education			
	14 7,500,000	15 Montana Research and Economic Development Initiative	602rr
	16 1,000,000	17 Teacher Education Programs	602rr
	18 1,000,000	19 Workforce Recovery COVID-19	602rr
	20 2,000,000	21 Accelerate Montana	602rr
	22 1,500,000	23 Cyber Hub	8006
	24 2,000,000	25 Center for Translational Medicine	602rr
	26 2,000,000	27 Rapid Retraining for Veterans	8006
28 Montana Arts Council	764,000		2021
State Library	120,000	Newsline	2921
	1,235,444	Hot Spot Lending Program	2023
	1,000,000	E-Learning Digital Content	2023

(2) For Teacher Education Programs, the purpose is to retool teacher education programs to train teachers on proficiency education success in a virtual world.

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1      NEW SECTION. **Section 3.** {standard} **Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and  
2 approval.

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