

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Senate Bill Number:

Legislative Action:

House Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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House: \_\_\_\_\_

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Senate Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Delegation: Capital High

Governor: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to Committee:

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CREATE ENERGY EFFICIENT SCHOOLS IN  
2 MONTANA; AMENDING SECTIONS 90-4-605 AND 90-4-607, MCA, AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE  
3 EFFECTIVE DATE"

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA YOTH LEGISLATURE:

6 NEW SECTION: Section 1: Legislative Findings

7 (1) reduce state and local tax revenue spent on energy bills; improve the condition of aging 8  
buildings; provide healthier and more comfortable learning environments for students and workplace for 9  
teachers; create employment opportunities in the building trades; and stimulate Montana's economy.

10 NEW SECTION: Section 2: Fiscal Note. Public Schools energy efficiency account

11 (1) There must be deposited in the public schools energy efficiency account in the state special 12  
revenue fund, established in 17-2-102, money from the federal government for economic stimulus that is  
13 intended for grants and loans to public school districts for infrastructure. Money in the account is 14  
statutorily appropriated as provided in 17-7-502 to the department exclusively for grants and loans to 15  
school districts for energy efficiency projects.

16 NEW SECTION: Section 3: Public School Building energy Efficiency Program- Department Duties

17 (1) There is a school building energy efficiency program. Districts may submit applications for  
18 funding for: Energy audit or evaluation, the design of an energy efficient building, an investment for  
19 energy efficient improvements.

20 (3) The Department shall provide to public schools: assistance in financing energy upgrades 21  
through funding packages, assistance in the design of new public school buildings, and providing 22  
training and supporting resources related to energy efficient school districts.

23 **Section 4: Amending an existing law.** Section 90-4-605, MCA, is amended to include:

24 (1) Public School district within all preparations of the energy conservation program

25 **Section 5: Amending an existing law.** Section 90-4-607, MCA, is amended to include:

26 (1) Public school districts within all applied duties of the department.

27 New Section. Section 6: Effective Date This bill will become effective upon passage.

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