

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 294

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND FROM
5 THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY; AMENDING
6 SECTION 20-7-712, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 20-7-712, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"20-7-712. Adult basic education fund and its distribution.** (1) To encourage adult basic
12 education, the legislature may appropriate funds to the ~~superintendent of public instruction~~ department of labor
13 and industry for the support of adult basic education programs in any school district, community college district,
14 tribal college, public library, community-based organization, or a consortium of those organizations located in
15 Montana.

16 (2) The ~~superintendent of public instruction~~ department of labor and industry shall direct the
17 distribution of funds appropriated by the legislature for adult basic education. The trustees or authorized
18 representative of any district or tribal college may apply to the ~~superintendent~~ department of labor and industry
19 for funds for its adult basic education program. The financial administration, accounting, and reporting of adult
20 basic education funds must conform to policies established by the ~~office of public instruction~~ department of
21 labor and industry."

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23 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a
24 copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

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26 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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