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Drafter: Pad McCracken,

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 846

2 INTRODUCED BY K. WALSH, L. JONES

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PROPERTY TAXATION FOR CERTAIN
5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBDIVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR RECONCILIATION PAYMENTS BETWEEN
6 CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHEN ISOLATED PUPILS ARE INVOLVED; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS
7 FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SEEK A RECONCILIATION PAYMENT BY PETITIONING THE COUNTY
8 SUPERINTENDENT AND PAYING A PROCESSING FEE; PROVIDING THAT THE TAXABLE VALUE OF
9 TERRITORY TRANSFERRED BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS IS SPLIT BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS FOR
10 A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENTS BETWEEN DISTRICTS FOLLOWING A TERRITORY
11 TRANSFER IF A RECONCILIATION PAYMENT WAS MADE PREVIOUSLY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS;
12 AMENDING SECTION 20-6-105, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN
13 APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

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17 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Definitions.** For the purposes of [sections 1 through 4] and 20-6-105, the
18 following definitions apply:

19 (1) "Advisory capacity" has the same meaning as provided in 2-15-102.

20 (2) (a) "District operational levies" means property tax levies imposed on the property of a school
21 district in support of a school district's budgeted operations. The term includes levies for all school district
22 budgeted funds except the debt service fund.

23 (b) The term does not include countywide school levies.

24 (3) "Isolated pupil" means a pupil who is enrolled and admitted in a nonresident district contiguous
25 to the pupil's resident school district under conditions specified in 20-5-321 and who is unable to access onsite
26 services of a resident school district.

27 (4) "Reconciliation payment" means payment provided for in [section 2] from a resident school

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(b) The school district from which territory is transferred shall deposit the received payment in its flexibility fund or allocate it among its budgeted funds as determined by the trustees."

NEW SECTION. Section 6. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 through 4] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 6, part 1, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 6, part 1, apply to [sections 1 through 4].

NEW SECTION. Section 7. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

COORDINATION SECTION. Section 8. Coordination instruction. If both Senate Bill No. 260 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [sections 10 through 14 of Senate Bill No. 260] are void.

NEW SECTION. Section 9. Applicability. [This act] applies to school years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

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