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HOUSE BILL NO. 266

INTRODUCED BY L. MUSZKIEWICZ, J. ISALY, P. STRAND, P. ELVERUM, M. ROMANO, M. THANE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ~~REVISING~~ ANALYZING THE ANNUAL INFLATION-RELATED ADJUSTMENTS TO K-12 BASE AID TO IMPROVE ALIGNMENT WITH THE DEFINITION OF "BASIC SYSTEM OF FREE QUALITY PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS" PROVIDED IN SECTION 20-9-309, MCA; ENSURING THAT THE GENERAL FUND FUNDING FORMULA IS SELF-EXECUTING AND INCLUDES A ~~MECHANISM FOR~~ PROCESS FOR ENSURING ACCESS TO INFORMATION REGARDING EDUCATIONALLY RELEVANT AND ACCURATE ANNUAL INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENTS; ~~PROVIDING THAT THE PRESENT LAW BASE MAY BE INCREASED BY A CALCULATED AMOUNT BY MOTION OF TWO SPECIFIC INTERIM COMMITTEES~~; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-326, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 20-9-326, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-9-326. Annual inflation-related adjustments to basic entitlements and per-ANB entitlements

-- reporting. (1) In preparing and submitting an agency budget pursuant to 17-7-111 and 17-7-112, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the inflation factor for the basic and per-ANB entitlements, the data-for-achievement payment, the per-ANB amount used to calculate the total special education allocation in 20-9-306, and the general fund payments in 20-9-327 through 20-9-330 in each fiscal year of the ensuing biennium. The inflation factor is calculated as follows:

(a) for the first year of the biennium, divide the consumer price index for July 1 of the prior calendar year by the consumer price index for July 1 of the calendar year 3 years prior to the prior calendar year and raise the resulting ratio to the power of one-third; and

(b) for the second year of the biennium, divide the consumer price index for July 1 of the current calendar year by the consumer price index for July 1 of the calendar year 3 years prior to the current calendar

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1 ~~PRESENTED WITH THE CALCULATION THROUGH THE PROCESS OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION (2).~~

2 ~~(3)~~(4) For the purposes of this section, "consumer price index" means the consumer price index, U.S.
3 city average, all urban consumers, for all items, using the 1982-84 base of 100, as published by the bureau of
4 labor statistics of the U.S. department of labor."
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6 COORDINATION SECTION. **Section 2. Coordination instruction.** If both Senate Bill No. 258 and
7 [this act] are passed and approved, then Senate Bill No. 258 is void.
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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.
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