

HOUSE BILL NO. 643

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING SCHOOL FUNDING LAWS RELATED TO STATE LANDS REIMBURSEMENT BLOCK GRANTS; EXTENDING THE SUNSET ON THE BLOCK GRANTS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 20, CHAPTER 416, LAWS OF 2017; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."

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

Section 1. Section 20-9-640, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-9-640. (Temporary) State lands reimbursement block grant. (1) (a) For ~~each fiscal year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2017~~ fiscal years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, the office of public instruction shall provide a state lands reimbursement block grant of \$100,000 to each school district in a county with greater than 20% of the county's land area composed of state school trust lands.

(b) The electronic reporting system that is used by the office of public instruction and school districts must be used to allocate the block grant amount into each district's general fund BASE budget as an anticipated revenue source.

(2) Each year, 70% of each district's block grant must be distributed in November and 30% of each district's block grant must be distributed in May at the same time that guaranteed tax base aid is distributed. (Terminates June 30, ~~2019~~ 2021 ~~--sec. 20, Ch. 416, L. 2017.~~)"

Section 2. Section 20, Chapter 416, Laws of 2017, is amended to read:

"Section 20. Termination. [Section 4] terminates June 30, ~~2019~~ 2021."

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$100,000 from the general fund to the office of public instruction in each fiscal year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, for the purpose of distributing state lands reimbursement block grants pursuant to 20-9-640.

