

1 SENATE BILL NO. 253  
2 INTRODUCED BY S. VINTON  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO STUDENT  
5 SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS; REQUIRING A STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION TO APPLY  
6 FOR CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
7 CERTIFICATION; ENSURING A PARENT'S RIGHT TO SELECT AN EDUCATION PROVIDER; INCREASING  
8 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
9 ORGANIZATIONS; REVISING A DEFINITION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AND AMENDING  
10 SECTIONS 15-30-3102, 15-30-3103, 15-30-3105, AND 15-30-3106, MCA."

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

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14 **Section 1.** Section 15-30-3102, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"15-30-3102. (Temporary) Definitions.** As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

16 (1) "Department" means the department of revenue provided for in 2-15-1301.  
17 (2) "Donation" means a gift of cash.  
18 (3) "Eligible student" means a student who is a Montana resident and who is 5 years of age or  
19 older on or before September 10 of the year of attendance and has not yet reached 19 years of age.  
20 (4) "Innovative educational program" includes any of the following:  
21 (a) transformational learning as defined in 20-7-1602;  
22 (b) advanced opportunity as defined in 20-7-1503;  
23 (c) any program, service, instructional methodology, or adaptive equipment used to expand  
24 opportunity for a child with a disability as defined in 20-7-401;  
25 (d) any courses provided through work-based learning partnerships or for postsecondary credit or  
26 career certification;  
27 (e) technology enhancements, including but not limited to any expenditure incurred for purposes  
28 specified in 20-9-533; and

1    not a tutor in the previous calendar year; and

2            (5) hyperlinks to each student scholarship organization's website. (Terminates December 31,

3    2029--sec. 20, Ch. 480, L. 2021, sec. 7, Ch. 558, L. 2023.)"

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5    **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the legislature that the department of  
6    revenue implement the provisions of [this act] with one-half of a full-time-equivalent position.

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