

SENATE BILL NO. 253

INTRODUCED BY S. VINTON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS; REQUIRING A STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION TO APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION; ENSURING A PARENT'S RIGHT TO SELECT AN EDUCATION PROVIDER; INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS; REVISING A DEFINITION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-30-3102, 15-30-3103, 15-30-3105, AND 15-30-3106, MCA."

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

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

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

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

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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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