

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 313

Legislative Action:

Introduced by:
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House Committee: _____
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Senate: _____
Governor: _____

Delegation: Butte High School

Referred to Committee: House Education Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SET MANDATORY FUNDING TO
2 SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMS FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THROUGH HIGH
3 SCHOOL."

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5 WHEREAS, music program participation has been studied to give benefits including
6 accomplishment, appreciation, thinking skills, personal expression, discipline, and maturing
7 relationships; and

8 WHEREAS, it has been shown that high school music students have higher grade point averages
9 than non-music students in the same school.

10 WHEREAS, studies show that involvement in music programs can increase SAT scores

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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14 **Section 1.** Funds for elementary, middle school, junior high, and high school music programs,
15 non-personnel expenditures, including band, choir, and orchestra are as follows:

- 16 (i) \$200,000 for each K-12 AA school district;
- 17 (ii) \$125,000 for each K-12 A school district;
- 18 (iii) \$75,000 for each K-12 B school district;
- 19 (iv) \$50,000 for each K-12 C school district;

20 **Section 2. Fiscal Note.** Monies to fund this Act shall come from the General Fund.

21 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This act will become effective on July 1, 2008.

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