



# Bills Requested by the Office of Public Instruction

## Students Graduate Prepared for College and Careers

### 1) Increase K-12 BASE Aid

This proposal is to increase the basic and per ANB entitlements, the quality educator payment, the Indian Education for All payment, the American Indian achievement gap payment and the data for achievement payment by the inflationary factor calculated in accordance with 20-9-326, MCA. At this time, the increases are estimated to be 1.37% in FY 2018 and by 1.1% in FY 2019.

### 2) Raise legal dropout age to 18 or upon graduation

This proposal is to raise the legal dropout age by requiring students to attend school until the earlier of 18 years of age, upon high school graduation, or upon satisfaction of the requirements for equivalency of completion of secondary education. The proposal provides an exception from compulsory enrollment for a student who is at least 16 years of age, has withdrawn from school, and has enrolled in an adult basic education program, the Montana Youth Challenge program, a Montana job corps program, an accredited post-secondary program, or a registered apprenticeship program.

### 3) Provide ANB funding for 19 year olds

This proposal is to include 19 year olds in the school district enrollment used for determining the district's average number belonging (ANB). This proposal will provide resources and incentives to school districts to keep students in school until the student can meet graduation requirements.

## Special Education

### 4) Increased funding for Special Education Cooperatives

This proposal is to increase the annual appropriation for the state special education allowable cost payment by \$2 million and revise the distributions in 20-9-321, MCA to direct the \$2 million increase to special education cooperatives for administration and travel.

### 5) Inflationary increase for Special Education Allowable Cost Payment

This proposal is to amend 20-9-326, MCA to include the special education allowable cost payment in the list of school funding components that are adjusted for inflation when calculating the present law base for the ensuing biennium.

### 6) Pupil Definition for ANB

This proposal is to amend the definition of pupil in 20-1-101(16), MCA for the purpose of calculating ANB to include a child with a disability as defined in 20-7-401(4) aged 19, 20, or 21 who has not yet been granted a regular diploma and is who is receiving special education and related services.