**** BILL NO. ****

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATING TO THE COLSTRIP WATER INFRASTRUCTURE MITIGATION ACCOUNT; EXPANDING THE ACCOUNT TO APPLY TO MUNICIPAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE COAL TRANSITIONS; REVISING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS TO APPLY TO THE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OF THE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR USES OF THE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT PROCESSES; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; PROVIDING FOR ALLOCATIONS, SUSPENSION OF ALLOCATIONS, AND RESUMPTION OF ALLOCATIONS IF NECESSARY AS THEY RELATE TO THE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-11-222, 15-35-108, 17-7-502, AND 75-8-305, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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

Section 1. Section 5-11-222, MCA, is amended to read:

"**5-11-222. Reports to legislature.** (1) (a) Except as provided in subsections (1)(b) and (5), a report to the legislature means a biennial report required by the legislature and filed in accordance with 5-11-210 on or before September 1 of each year preceding the convening of a regular session of the legislature.

(b) If otherwise specified in law, a report may be required more or less frequently than the biennial requirement in subsection (1)(a).

(2) Reports to the legislature include:

(a) annual reports on the unified investment program for public funds and public retirement systems and state compensation insurance fund assets audits from the board of investments in accordance with Article VIII, section 13, of the Montana constitution;

(b) activities of the state records committee in accordance with 2-6-1108;

(c) revenue studies from the director of revenue, if requested, in accordance with 2-7-104;

(d) legislative audit reports from the legislative audit division in accordance with 2-8-112 and 23-7-410;

(e) the annual performance report of each department to the appropriate interim budget committee and legislative policy interim committee in accordance with 2-12-105;

(f) a mental health report from the ombudsman in accordance with 2-15-210;

(g) watercourse name changes, if any, from the secretary of state in accordance with 2-15-401;

(h) results of programs established in 2-15-3111 through 2-15-3113 from the livestock loss board in accordance with 2-15-3113;

(i) the allocation of space report from the department of administration required in accordance with 2-17-101;

(j) information technology activities in accordance with 2-17-512;

(k) state strategic information technology plan exceptions, if granted, from the department of administration in accordance with 2-17-515;

(l) the state strategic information technology plan and biennial report from the department of administration in accordance with 2-17-521 and 2-17-522;

(m) reports from standing, interim, and administrative committees, if prepared, in accordance with 2-17-825 and 5-5-216;

(n) statistical and other data related to business transacted by the courts from the court administrator, if requested, in accordance with 3-1-702;

(o) the judicial standards commission report in accordance with 3-1-1126;

(p) an annual report on the actual cost of legislation that had a projected fiscal impact from the office of budget and program planning in accordance with 5-4-208;

(q) Montana criminal justice oversight council reports in accordance with 5-5-235;

(r) reports prepared by the legislative fiscal analyst, and as determined by the analyst, in accordance with 5-12-302(4);

(s) a report, if necessary, on administrative policies or rules adopted under 5-11-105 that may impair the independence of the legislative audit division in accordance with 5-13-305;

(t) if a waste of state resources occurs, a report from the legislative state auditor, in accordance

with 5-13-311;

(u) school funding commission reports each fifth interim in accordance with 5-20-301;

(v) a comprehensive reconciliation report after an election from the secretary of state in accordance with 13-15-113;

(w) a report of political committee operations conducted on state-owned property, if required, from a political committee to the legislative services division in accordance with 13-37-404;

(x) a report concerning taxable value from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-1-205;

(y) a report on tax credits from the revenue interim committee in accordance with 15-30-2303;

(z) general marijuana regulation reports and medical marijuana registry reports from the department of revenue in accordance with 16-12-110;

(aa) loans or loan extensions authorized for two consecutive fiscal years from the department of administration and office of commissioner of higher education, including negative cash balances from the commissioner of higher education, in accordance with 17-2-107;

(bb) a report of local government entities that have balances contrary to limitations provided for in 17-2-302 or that failed to reduce the charge from the department of administration in accordance with 17-2-304;

(cc) an annual report from the board of investments in accordance with 17-5-1650(2);

(dd) a quarterly report from the office of budget and program planning to the legislative finance committee identifying the amount and the type of debt payoff or other expenditure from the debt and liability free account in accordance with 17-6-214;

(ee) a report on retirement system trust investments and benefits from the board of investments in accordance with 17-6-230;

(ff) recommendations for reductions in spending and related analysis, if required, from the office of budget and program planning in accordance with 17-7-140;

(gg) a statewide facility inventory and condition assessment from the department of administration in accordance with 17-7-202;

(hh) a quarterly report on procurement solicitations and contracts from the department of administration in accordance with 18-4-128;

(ii) actuary reports and investigations for public retirement systems from the public employees' retirement board in accordance with 19-2-405;

(jj) a work report from the public employees' retirement board in accordance with 19-2-407;

(kk) annual actuarial reports and evaluations from the teachers' retirement board in accordance with 19-20-201;

(ll) reports from the state director of K-12 career and vocational and technical education, as requested, in accordance with 20-7-308;

(mm) 4-year state plan for career and technical education reports from the board of regents in accordance with 20-7-330;

(nn) a gifted and talented students report from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-7-904;

(oo) status changes for at-risk students from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-9-328;

(pp) status changes for American Indian students from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-9-330;

(qq) reports regarding the Montana Indian language preservation program from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-9-537;

(rr) proposals for funding community colleges from the board of regents in accordance with 20-15-309;

(ss) expenditures and activities of the Montana agricultural experiment station and extension service, as requested, in accordance with 20-25-236;

(tt) reports, if requested by the legislature, from the president of each of the units of the higher education system in accordance with 20-25-305;

(uu) reports, if prepared by a public postsecondary institution, regarding free expression activities on campus in accordance with 20-25-1506;

(vv) reports from the Montana historical society trustees in accordance with 22-3-107;

(ww) state lottery reports in accordance with 23-7-202;

(xx) state fund reports, if required, from the commissioner in accordance with 33-1-115;

(yy) reports from the department of labor and industry in accordance with 39-6-101;

(zz) victim unemployment benefits reports from the department of labor and industry in accordance with 39-51-2111;

(aaa) state fund business reports in accordance with 39-71-2363;

(bbb) risk-based capital reports, if required, from the state fund in accordance with 39-71-2375;

(ccc) child custody reports from the office of the court administrator in accordance with 41-3-1004;

(ddd) reports of remission of fine or forfeiture, respite, commutation, or pardon granted from the governor in accordance with 46-23-316;

(eee) annual statewide public defender reports from the office of state public defender in accordance with 47-1-125;

(fff) a trauma care system report from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 50-6-402;

(ggg) an annual report on chemical abortion data from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 50-20-709;

(hhh) medicaid block grant reports from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-1-611;

(iii) reports on the approval and implementation status of medicaid section 1115 waivers in accordance with 53-2-215;

(jjj) provider rate, medicaid waiver, or medicaid state plan change reports from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-101;

(kkk) medicaid funding reports from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-110;

(lll) reports on toxicology and prescription drug registry information from the suicide prevention officer in accordance with 53-21-1101;

(mmm) suicide reduction plans from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-21-1102;

(nnn) annual compliance reports from certifying organizations to the criminal justice oversight council in accordance with 53-24-311;

(ooo) a compliance and inspection report from the department of corrections in accordance with 53-30-604;

(ppp) emergency medical services grants from the department of transportation in accordance with 61-2-109;

(qqq) annual financial reports on the environmental contingency account from the department of environmental quality in accordance with 75-1-1101;

(rrr) a report from the land board, if prepared, in accordance with 76-12-109;

(sss) an annual report on expenditures made from the fire suppression account in 76-13-150 from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 76-13-152;

(ttt) an annual state trust land report from the land board in accordance with 77-1-223;

(uuu) a noxious plant report, if prepared, from the department of agriculture in accordance with 80-7-713;

(vvv) reports on the allocation of renewable resources grants and loans for emergencies, if required, from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 85-1-605;

(www) water storage projects from the governor's office in accordance with 85-1-704;

(xxx) upper Clark Fork River basin steering committee reports, if prepared, in accordance with 85-2-338;

(yyy) upland game bird enhancement program reports in accordance with 87-1-250;

(zzz) private land/public wildlife advisory committee reports in accordance with 87-1-269;

(aaaa) a future fisheries improvement program report from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with 87-1-272;

(bbbb) license revenue recommendations from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with 87-1-629;

(cccc) reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks on conservation licenses sold and revenue received in accordance with 87-2-201;

(dddd) an annual report from the Montana-Ireland trade commission in accordance with 90-1-159;

(eeee) hydrocarbon and geology investigation reports from the bureau of mines and geology in accordance with 90-2-201;

(ffff) coal ash markets investigation reports from the department of commerce in accordance with 90-2-202;

(gggg) an annual report from the pacific northwest electric power and conservation planning council in accordance with 90-4-403;

(hhhh) community property-assessed capital enhancements program reports from the Montana facility finance authority in accordance with 90-4-1303;

(iiii) veterans' home loan mortgage loan reports from the board of housing in accordance with 90-6-604;

(jjjj) matching infrastructure planning grant awards by the department of commerce in accordance with 90-6-703(3); and

(kkkk) Montana coal endowment program reports from the department of commerce in accordance with 90-6-710.

(3) Reports to the legislature include reports made to an interim committee as follows:

(a) reports to the law and justice interim committee, including:

(i) a report on fentanyl-related mandatory minimums from the attorney general in accordance with 2-15-505;

(ii) findings of the domestic violence fatality review commission in accordance with 2-15-2017;

(iii) reports on district court judge caseload and substitutions from the office of court administrator in accordance with 3-1-713;

(iv) information on the Montana False Claims Act from the department of justice in accordance with 17-8-416;

(v) a biennial report on the services provided by the office of reentry services from the department of labor and industry in accordance with 39-11-501;

(vi) annual case status reports from the attorney general in accordance with 41-3-210;

(vii) an annual report from the department of public health and human services on the number of referrals to county attorneys pursuant to 41-3-202(1)(b)(i) in accordance with 41-3-211;

(viii) office of court administrator reports in accordance with 41-5-2003;

(ix) reports on pending investigations from the public safety officer standards and training council in

accordance with 44-4-408;

(x) statewide public safety communications system activities from the department of justice in accordance with 44-4-1606;

(xi) the annual report on the activities of the sexual assault response network program and the sexual assault response team committee from the department of justice in accordance with 44-4-1705;

(xii) reports on the status of the crisis intervention team training program from the board of crime control in accordance with 44-7-110;

(xiii) restorative justice grant program status and performance from the board of crime control in accordance with 44-7-302;

(xiv) law enforcement agency facial recognition technology use reports from the department of justice in accordance with 44-15-111(3);

(xv) reports on third-party vendors providing facial recognition services to state agencies reports in accordance with 44-15-111(4)(b);

(xvi) reports on offenders under supervision with new offenses or violations from the department of corrections in accordance with 46-23-1016;

(xvii) supervision responses grid reports from the department of corrections in accordance with 46-23-1028;

(xviii) statewide public defender reports and information from the office of state public defender in accordance with 47-1-125;

(xix) every 5 years, a percentage change in public defender funding report from the legislative fiscal analyst in accordance with 47-1-125;

(xx) every 5 years, statewide public defender reports on the percentage change in funding from the office of state public defender in accordance with 47-1-125;

(xxi) an annual report of aggregated information on cases of exploited incapacitated or vulnerable adults from the attorney general in accordance with 52-3-816;

(xxii) a biennial report on the number of referrals to county attorneys for certain suspected offenses against incapacitated or vulnerable adults from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 52-3-817; and

(xxiii) a report from the quality assurance unit from the department of corrections in accordance with 53-1-211;

(b) reports to the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee, including:

(i) a report that includes information technology activities and additional information from the information technology board in accordance with 2-17-512 and 2-17-513;

(ii) a report from the capitol complex advisory council in accordance with 2-17-804;

(iii) a report on the employee incentive award program from the department of administration in accordance with 2-18-1103;

(iv) a board of veterans' affairs report in accordance with 10-2-102;

(v) a report on the decennial veterans' long-term care needs study from the department of public health and human services and the Montana veterans' affairs division in accordance with 10-2-903;

(vi) a report on grants to the Montana civil air patrol from the department of military affairs in accordance with 10-3-802;

(vii) annual reports on statewide election security from the secretary of state in accordance with 13-1-205;

(viii) reports on money received in the special account for implementing the Help America Vote Act from the secretary of state in accordance with 13-1-209;

(ix) a report regarding the youth voting program, if requested, from the secretary of state in accordance with 13-22-108;

(x) a report from the commissioner of political practices in accordance with 13-37-120;

(xi) a report on retirement system trust investments from the board of investments in accordance with 17-6-230;

(xii) actuarial valuations and other reports from the public employees' retirement board in accordance with 19-2-405 and 19-3-117;

(xiii) actuarial valuations and other reports from the teachers' retirement board in accordance with 19-20-201 and 19-20-216;

(xiv) a report on the reemployment of retired members of the teachers' retirement system from the teachers' retirement board in accordance with 19-20-732;

(xv) a biennial report regarding the reemployment of certain retirees by the superintendent of public instruction from the teachers' retirement board in accordance with 19-20-735; and

(xvi) changes, if any, affecting filing-office rules under the Uniform Commercial Code from the secretary of state in accordance with 30-9A-527;

(c) reports to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee, including:

(i) an annual report from the rare disease advisory council on how it is addressing the needs of people living with rare diseases in accordance with 2-15-2232;

(ii) a report from the department of public health and human services on the programs, grants, and services funded under the healing and ending addiction through recovery and treatment account in 16-12-122;

(iii) Montana foster youth higher education assistance program grant reports from the commissioner of higher education in accordance with 20-26-633;

(iv) prescription drug registry reports from the board of pharmacy in accordance with 37-7-1514;

(v) Montana HELP Act workforce development reports from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 39-12-103;

(vi) reports from the department of public health and human services on the department's efforts regarding the volunteer program to support child protective services activities in accordance with 41-3-132;

(vii) an annual report on expungements from the statewide central registry from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 41-3-902;

(viii) annual reports from the child and family ombudsman in accordance with 41-3-1211;

(ix) reports on activities and recommendations on child protective services activities, if required, from the child and family ombudsman in accordance with 41-3-1215;

(x) an annual report on the use of funds in the insurance premium support account from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 50-5-252;

(xi) reports on the out-of-state placement of high-risk children with multiagency service needs from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 52-2-311;

(xii) private alternative adolescent residential and outdoor programs reports from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 52-2-803;

(xiii) an annual report on the services and activities funded by the Montana early childhood account

from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 52-2-1003;

(xiv) a detailed annual report on each grant funded by the Montana early childhood account from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 52-2-1005;

(xv) provider rate, medicaid waiver, or medicaid state plan change reports from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-101;

(xvi) a report concerning mental health managed care services, if managed care is in place, from the advisory council in accordance with 53-6-710;

(xvii) quarterly medicaid reports related to expansion from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-1325;

(xviii) a report on the adequacy of current medicaid rates compared to reported medicaid service provider costs from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-1604;

(xix) annual Montana developmental center reports from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-20-225;

(xx) a biennial report on the number of individuals committed to and detained in facilities from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-21-155;

(xxi) annual children's mental health outcomes from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-21-508;

(xxii) a quarterly report on the implementation of certified community behavioral health clinics from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-21-1014; and

(xxiii) suicide reduction plans from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 53-21-1102;

(d) reports to the economic affairs interim committee, including:

(i) the annual state compensation insurance fund budget from the board of directors in accordance with 5-5-223 and 39-71-2363;

(ii) medical marijuana registry reports from the department of revenue in accordance with 16-12-110;

(iii) general marijuana regulation reports from the department of revenue in accordance with 16-12-110(3);

(iv) annual reports on complaints against physicians certifying medical marijuana use from the board of medical examiners in accordance with 16-12-110(6);

(v) an annual report on the administrative rate required from the department of commerce from the Montana heritage preservation and development commission in accordance with 22-3-1002;

(vi) biennial reports from the department of labor and industry on weighing device license fees and cost increases in accordance with 30-12-203;

(vii) state fund reports from the insurance commissioner, if required, in accordance with 33-1-115;

(viii) risk-based capital reports, if required, from the state fund in accordance with 33-1-115 and 39-71-2375;

(ix) annual reinsurance reports from the Montana reinsurance association board required in accordance with 33-22-1308;

(x) a biennial report on dental insurance programs from the commissioner of securities and insurance in accordance with 33-22-2203;

(xi) a biennial report on licensing boards from the department of labor and industry in accordance with 37-1-106;

(xii) annual reports on physician complaints related to medical marijuana from the board of medical examiners in accordance with 37-3-203;

(xiii) prescription drug registry reports from the board of pharmacy in accordance with 37-7-1514;

(xiv) status reports on the special revenue account and fees charged as a funding source from the board of funeral service in accordance with 37-19-204;

(xv) law enforcement agency facial recognition technology use reports from the department of justice in accordance with 44-15-111(3);

(xvi) reports on third-party vendors providing facial recognition services to state agencies reports in accordance with 44-15-111(4)(b);

(xvii) a report on the funding level of the ~~Colstrip~~ municipal water infrastructure ~~mitigation~~ coal transition account from the department of environmental quality in accordance with 75-8-305; and

(xviii) status reports on the distressed wood products industry revolving loan program from the department of commerce in accordance with 90-1-503;

(e) reports to the education interim committee, including:

(i) reemployment of retired teachers, specialists, and administrators reports from the retirement board in accordance with 19-20-732;

(ii) a biennial report regarding the reemployment of certain retirees by the superintendent of public instruction from the teachers' retirement board in accordance with 19-20-735;

(iii) a report on participation in the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children in accordance with 20-1-231;

(iv) an annual report of the feedback on education in American Indian studies from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-1-503;

(v) grow your own grant program reports from the commissioner of higher education in accordance with 20-4-601;

(vi) reports on out-of-district attendance from the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with 20-5-324;

(vii) reports from the education and workforce data governing board in accordance with 20-7-138;

(viii) state-level strengthening career and technical student organizations program reports from the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with 20-7-320;

(ix) a report from the superintendent of public instruction concerning educational programs for eligible children receiving in-state inpatient treatment of serious emotional disturbances in accordance with 20-7-435;

(x) reports from the Montana digital academy governing board in accordance with 20-7-1201;

(xi) advanced opportunity program reports from the board of public education in accordance with 20-7-1506;

(xii) progress on transformational learning plans from the board of public education in accordance with 20-7-1602;

(xiii) transformational learning phase II grant program report from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-7-1605;

(xiv) reports on early targeted interventions from the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with 20-7-1804;

(xv) budget amendments, if needed, from school districts in accordance with 20-9-161;

(xvi) a biennial report on educational relevance in the implementation of 20-9-326 from the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with 20-9-326;

(xvii) reports regarding the Montana Indian language preservation program from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-9-537;

(xviii) annual Montana resident student financial aid program reports from the commissioner of higher education in accordance with 20-26-105;

(xix) Montana foster youth higher education assistance program grant reports from the commissioner of higher education in accordance with 20-26-633;

(xx) a historic preservation office report from the historic preservation officer in accordance with 22-3-423;

(xxi) interdisciplinary child information agreement reports from the office of public instruction in accordance with 52-2-211; and

(xxii) an annual report on the services and activities funded by the Montana early childhood account from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 52-2-1003;

(f) reports to the energy and technology interim committee, including:

(i) a report from the state library on GIS readiness in Montana as it pertains to next-generation 9-1-1 GIS in accordance with 10-4-310;

(ii) the high-performance building report from the department of administration in accordance with 17-7-214;

(iii) an annual report from the consumer counsel in accordance with 69-1-222;

(iv) annual universal system benefits reports from utilities, electric cooperatives, and the department of revenue in accordance with 69-8-402; and

(v) geothermal reports from the Montana bureau of mines and geology in accordance with 90-3-1301;

(g) reports to the revenue interim committee, including:

(i) use of the qualified endowment tax credit report from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-1-230;

(ii) information on exempt property reviewed during the biennium from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-6-237;

(iii) tax rates for the upcoming reappraisal cycle from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-7-111;

(iv) information about job growth incentive tax credits from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-30-2361;

(v) student scholarship contributions from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-30-3112;

(vi) media production tax credit economic impact reports from the department of commerce in accordance with 15-31-1011;

(vii) biennial forest lands taxation advisory committee reports in accordance with 15-44-103; and

(viii) reports that actual or projected receipts will result in less revenue than estimated from the office of budget and program planning, if necessary, in accordance with 17-7-140;

(h) reports to the transportation interim committee, including cooperative agreement negotiations from the department of transportation in accordance with 15-70-450;

(i) reports to the environmental quality council, including:

(i) the state solid waste management and resource recovery plan, every 5 years, from the department of environmental quality in accordance with 75-10-111;

(ii) annual orphan share reports from the department of environmental quality in accordance with 75-10-743;

(iii) Libby asbestos superfund oversight committee reports in accordance with 75-10-1601;

(iv) annual subdivision sanitation reports from the department of environmental quality in accordance with 76-4-116;

(v) quarterly reports from the department of environmental quality on the number and percentage of overdue files in accordance with 76-4-116;

(vi) biennially invasive species reports from the departments of fish, wildlife, and parks and natural resources and conservation in accordance with 80-7-1006;

(vii) annual invasive species council reports in accordance with 80-7-1203;

(viii) sand and gravel reports, if an investigation is completed, in accordance with 82-2-701;

(ix) reports from the western Montana conservation commission in accordance with 85-1-904;

(x) annual sage grouse population reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with 87-1-201;

(xi) annual gray wolf management reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with 87-1-901;

(xii) wildlife habitat improvement project reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with 87-5-807; and

(xiii) annual sage grouse oversight team activities and staffing reports in accordance with 87-5-918;

(j) reports to the water policy interim committee, including:

(i) drought and water supply advisory committee reports in accordance with 2-15-3308;

(ii) total maximum daily load reports from the department of environmental quality in accordance with 75-5-703;

(iii) renewable resource grant and loan program reports from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 85-1-621;

(iv) reports from the western Montana conservation commission in accordance with 85-1-904;

(v) quarterly adjudication reports from the department of natural resources and conservation and the water court in accordance with 85-2-281;

(vi) water reservation reports from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 85-2-316;

(vii) instream flow reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with 85-2-436;

(viii) ground water investigation program reports from the bureau of mines and geology in accordance with 85-2-525;

(ix) an annual report on temporary leases of appropriation rights from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 85-3-428; and

(x) biennial reports on forest service applications for state water reservations from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 85-20-1401;

(k) reports to the local government interim committee, including:

(i) reports from the local government center on petitions received that resulted in the development and delivery of training in accordance with 7-1-206;

(ii) biennial reports on experimental wastewater system component review from the department of environmental quality in accordance with 76-4-104;

(iii) sand and gravel, if an investigation is completed, in accordance with 82-2-701; and

(iv) emergency financial assistance to local government reports from the department of commerce, if requests are made, in accordance with 90-6-703(2); and

(l) reports to the state-tribal relations committee, including:

(i) an annual summary of agency reports on tribal entity funding from the office of budget and program planning in accordance with 17-2-502;

(ii) an annual report of the feedback on education in American Indian studies from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-1-503;

(iii) the Montana Indian language preservation program report from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-9-537;

(iv) reports from the missing and murdered indigenous persons advisory council in accordance with 44-2-411;

(v) a report from the department of justice on missing persons response team training grants awarded in accordance with 44-2-416;

(vi) state-tribal economic development commission activities reports from the state-tribal economic development commission in accordance with 90-1-132; and

(vii) state-tribal economic development commission reports provided regularly by the state director of Indian affairs in accordance with 90-11-102.

(4) Reports to the legislature include multistate compact and agreement reports, including:

(a) multistate tax compact reports in accordance with 15-1-601;

(b) interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children reports in accordance with 20-1-230 and 20-1-231;

(c) compact for education reports in accordance with 20-2-501;

(d) Western regional higher education compact reports in accordance with 20-25-801;

(e) interstate insurance product regulation compact reports in accordance with 33-39-101;

(f) interstate medical licensure compact reports in accordance with 37-3-356;

(g) interstate compact on juveniles reports in accordance with 41-6-101;

(h) interstate compact for adult offender supervision reports in accordance with 46-23-1115;

(i) vehicle equipment safety compact reports in accordance with 61-2-201;

(j) multistate highway transportation agreement reports in accordance with 61-10-1101; and

(k) western interstate nuclear compact reports in accordance with 90-5-201.

(5) Reports, transfers, statements, assessments, recommendations and changes required under 17-7-138, 17-7-139, 17-7-140, 19-2-405, 19-2-407, 19-3-117, 19-20-201, 19-20-216, 23-7-202, 33-1-115, and 39-71-2375 must be provided as soon as the report is published and publicly available. Reports required in subsections (2)(a), (2)(cc), (2)(ee), and (3)(b)(xi) must be provided following issuance of reports issued under Title 5, chapter 13."

Section 2. Section 15-35-108, MCA, is amended to read:

"**15-35-108. (Temporary) Disposal of severance taxes.** Severance taxes collected under this chapter must, in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124, be allocated as follows:

(1) Fifty percent of total coal severance tax collections is allocated to the trust fund created by Article IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution. The trust fund money must be deposited in the fund established under 17-6-203(6) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law.

(2) The amount of 12% of coal severance tax collections is allocated to the major repair long-range building program account established in 17-7-221.

(3) The amount of 0.90% in fiscal year 2020 and 0.93% in fiscal year 2021 and in each fiscal year thereafter must be allocated for provision of basic library services for the residents of all counties through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking and must be deposited in the basic library services account established in 22-1-202.

(4) The amount of 3.77% in fiscal year 2020 and 3.71% in fiscal year 2021 and in each fiscal year thereafter must be allocated to the department of natural resources and conservation for conservation districts

and deposited in the conservation district account established in 76-15-106.

(5) The amount of 0.79% in fiscal year 2020 and 0.82% in fiscal year 2021 and in each fiscal year thereafter must be allocated to the Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act and deposited in the growth through agriculture account established in 90-9-104.

(6) The amount of 1.27% must be allocated to a permanent fund account for the purpose of parks acquisition or management. Income from this permanent fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of any sites and areas described in 23-1-102.

(7) The amount of 0.95% must be allocated to the debt service fund type to the credit of the renewable resource loan debt service fund.

(8) The amount of 0.63% must be allocated to a trust fund for the purpose of protection of works of art in the capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this trust fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for protection of works of art in the state capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects.

(9) The amount of 5.8% must be credited to the coal natural resource account established in 90-6-1001(2).

(10) After the allocations are made under subsections (2) through (9), $250,000 for the fiscal year must be credited to the coal and uranium mine permitting and reclamation program account established in 82-4-244.

(11) After the allocations are made under subsections (2) through (10), $2 million for the fiscal year must be credited to the ~~town of Colstrip~~municipal water infrastructure ~~mitigation~~ coal transition account established in 75-8-305.

(12) (a) Subject to subsection (12)(b), all other revenue from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter must be credited to the general fund of the state.

(b) The interest income of the coal severance tax permanent fund that is deposited in the general fund is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, on July 1 each year as follows:

(i) to the department of agriculture:

(A) $65,000 for the cooperative development center;

(B) $900,000 for the growth through agriculture program provided for in Title 90, chapter 9;

(C) $600,000 for the Montana food and agricultural development program provided for in Title 80, chapter 11;

(ii) to the department of commerce:

(A) $325,000 for a small business development center;

(B) $50,000 for a small business innovative research program;

(C) $625,000 for certified regional development corporations;

(D) $500,000 for the Montana manufacturing extension center at Montana state university-Bozeman; and

(E) $300,000 for export trade enhancement. (Terminates June 30, 2027--secs. 13, 15, 18, Ch. 343, L. 2019.)

15-35-108. (Effective July 1, 2027) Disposal of severance taxes. Severance taxes collected under this chapter must, in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124, be allocated as follows:

(1) Fifty percent of total coal severance tax collections is allocated to the trust fund created by Article IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution. The trust fund money must be deposited in the fund established under 17-6-203(6) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law.

(2) The amount of 12% of coal severance tax collections is allocated to the major repair long-range building program account established in 17-7-221.

(3) The amount of 0.90% in fiscal year 2020 and 0.93% in fiscal year 2021 and in each fiscal year thereafter must be allocated for provision of basic library services for the residents of all counties through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking and must be deposited in the basic library services account established in 22-1-202.

(4) The amount of 3.77% in fiscal year 2020 and 3.71% in fiscal year 2021 and in each fiscal year thereafter must be allocated to the department of natural resources and conservation for conservation districts and deposited in the conservation district account established in 76-15-106.

(5) The amount of 0.79% in fiscal year 2020 and 0.82% in fiscal year 2021 and in each fiscal year thereafter must be allocated to the Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act and deposited in the growth through agriculture account established in 90-9-104.

(6) The amount of 1.27% must be allocated to a permanent fund account for the purpose of parks acquisition or management. Income from this permanent fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of any sites and areas described in 23-1-102.

(7) The amount of 0.95% must be allocated to the debt service fund type to the credit of the renewable resource loan debt service fund.

(8) The amount of 0.63% must be allocated to a trust fund for the purpose of protection of works of art in the capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this trust fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for protection of works of art in the state capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects.

(9) The amount of 5.8% must be credited to the coal natural resource account established in 90-6-1001(2).

(10) After the allocations are made under subsections (2) through (9), $250,000 for the fiscal year must be credited to the coal and uranium mine permitting and reclamation program account established in 82-4-244.

(11) After the allocations are made under subsections (2) through (10), $2 million for the fiscal year must be credited to the ~~town of Colstrip~~municipal water infrastructure ~~mitigation~~ coal transition account established in 75-8-305.

(12) All other revenue from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter must be credited to the general fund of the state."

Section 3. Section 17-7-502, MCA, is amended to read:

"**17-7-502. Statutory appropriations -- definition -- requisites for validity.** (1) A statutory appropriation is an appropriation made by permanent law that authorizes spending by a state agency without the need for a biennial legislative appropriation or budget amendment.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (4), to be effective, a statutory appropriation must comply with both of the following provisions:

(a) The law containing the statutory authority must be listed in subsection (3).

(b) The law or portion of the law making a statutory appropriation must specifically state that a statutory appropriation is made as provided in this section.

(3) The following laws are the only laws containing statutory appropriations: 2-17-105; 5-11-120; 5-11-407; 5-13-403; 5-13-404; 7-4-2502; 7-4-2924; 7-32-236; 10-1-108; 10-1-1202; 10-1-1303; 10-2-603; 10-2-807; 10-3-203; 10-3-310; 10-3-312; 10-3-314; 10-3-316; 10-3-802; 10-3-1304; 10-4-304; 10-4-310; 15-1-121; 15-1-218; 15-1-2307; 15-6-407; 15-31-165; 15-31-1004; 15-31-1005; 15-35-108; 15-36-332; 15-37-117; 15-39-110; 15-65-121; 15-70-128; 15-70-131; 15-70-132; 15-70-433; 16-11-119; 16-11-509; 17-3-106; 17-3-212; 17-3-222; 17-3-241; 17-6-101; 17-6-214; 17-7-133; 17-7-215; 18-5-417; 18-11-112; 19-3-319; 19-3-320; 19-6-404; 19-6-410; 19-9-702; 19-13-604; 19-17-301; 19-18-512; 19-19-305; 19-19-506; 19-20-604; 19-20-607; 19-21-203; 20-3-369; 20-7-1709; 20-8-107; 20-9-250; 20-9-516; 20-9-622; 20-15-328; 20-26-617; 20-26-1503; 22-1-327; 22-3-116; 22-3-117; [22-3-1004]; 23-4-105; 23-5-306; 23-5-409; 23-5-612; 23-7-301; 23-7-402; 30-10-1004; 33-22-1321; 37-1-125; 37-43-204; 37-50-209; 37-54-113; 39-71-503; 41-5-2011; 42-2-105; 44-4-1101; 44-4-1506; 44-12-213; 44-13-102; 53-1-109; 53-6-148; [53-6-152]; 53-9-113; 53-24-108; 53-24-206; 60-5-530; 60-11-115; 61-3-321; 61-3-415; 61-3-416; 67-1-309; 69-4-527; 75-1-1101; 75-5-1108; 75-6-214; 75-8-305; 75-11-313; 75-11-708; 75-26-308; 76-13-150; 76-13-151; 76-13-417; 76-17-103; 77-1-108; 77-2-362; 80-2-222; 80-4-416; 80-11-518; 80-11-1006; 81-1-112; 81-1-113; 81-2-203; 81-7-106; 81-7-123; 81-10-103; 82-11-161; 85-20-1504; 85-20-1505; [85-25-102]; 87-1-603; 87-1-627; 87-5-909; 90-1-205; 90-1-504; 90-6-331; and 90-9-306.

(4) There is a statutory appropriation to pay the principal, interest, premiums, and any costs or fees associated with issuing, paying, securing, redeeming, or defeasing all bonds, notes, or other obligations, as due in the ordinary course or when earlier called for redemption or defeased, that have been authorized and issued pursuant to the laws of Montana. Agencies that have entered into agreements authorized by the laws of Montana to pay the state treasurer, for deposit in accordance with 17-2-101 through 17-2-107, as determined by the state treasurer, an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest as due on the bonds or notes have statutory appropriation authority for the payments. (In subsection (3): pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 360, L. 1999, the inclusion of 19-20-604 terminates contingently when the amortization period for the teachers' retirement system's unfunded liability is 10 years or less; pursuant to sec. 73, Ch. 44, L. 2007, the inclusion of 19-6-410 terminates contingently upon the death of the last recipient eligible under 19-6-709(2) for the supplemental

benefit provided by 19-6-709; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 383, L. 2015, the inclusion of 85-25-102 is effective on occurrence of contingency; pursuant to sec. 4, Ch. 122, L. 2017, the inclusion of 10-3-1304 terminates September 30, 2025; pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 374, L. 2017, the inclusion of 76-17-103 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to secs. 11, 12, and 14, Ch. 343, L. 2019, the inclusion of 15-35-108 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 1, Ch. 408, L. 2019, the inclusion of 17-7-215 terminates June 30, 2029; pursuant to secs. 1, 2, 3, Ch. 139, L. 2021, the inclusion of 53-9-113 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 8, Ch. 200, L. 2021, the inclusion of 10-4-310 terminates July 1, 2031; pursuant to secs. 3, 4, Ch. 404, L. 2021, the inclusion of 30-10-1004 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to secs. 5 and 12, Ch. 563, L. 2021, the inclusion of 22-3-1004 is effective July 1, 2027; pursuant to sec. 1, Ch. 20, L. 2023, sec. 2, Ch. 20, L. 2023, and sec. 3, Ch. 20, L. 2023, the inclusion of 81-1-112, 81-1-113, and 81-7-106 terminates June 30, 2029; pursuant to sec. 2, Ch. 374, L. 2023, the inclusion of 10-3-802 terminates June 30, 2031; pursuant to sec. 12, Ch. 558, L. 2023, the inclusion of 20-9-250 terminates December 31, 2029; pursuant to sec. 4, Ch. 621, L. 2023, the inclusion of 22-1-327 terminates July 1, 2029; pursuant to sec. 24, Ch. 722, L. 2023, the inclusion of 17-7-133 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 129, L. 2025, the inclusion of 37-1-125 terminates June 30, 2031; pursuant to sec. 1, Ch. 181, L. 2025, and sec. 3, Ch. 181, L. 2025, the inclusion of 90-6-331 terminates June 30, 2035; pursuant to sec. 19, Ch. 420, L. 2025, the inclusion of 53-6-152 is effective on occurrence of contingency; pursuant to sec. 20, Ch. 420, L. 2025, the inclusion of 53-6-152 is void on occurrence of contingency; pursuant to sec. 21, Ch. 420, L. 2025, the inclusion of 53-6-152 terminates June 30, 2033; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 645, L. 2025, the inclusion of 33-22-1321 terminates June 30, 2031; and pursuant to sec. 29, Ch. 767, L. 2025, the inclusion of 15-1-2307 terminates June 30, 2026.)"

Section 4. Section 75-8-305, MCA, is amended to read:

"**75-8-305. ~~Town of Colstrip~~Municipal water infrastructure coal transition ~~mitigation~~ account -- statutory appropriation.** (1) (a) There is a ~~town of Colstrip~~municipal water infrastructure ~~mitigation~~ coal transition account within the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102.

~~(2)~~ There must be deposited in the account:

(i) money allocated pursuant to 15-35-108(11); and

(ii) interest that accrues on the money in the account.

~~(3)~~(b) Money ~~deposited~~ in the account is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502 to the department for the purposes of implementing this section~~must be transferred to the town of Colstrip and may be used to pay for costs to ensure a water supply is available to the town if the proximate coal-fired generating unit closes or retires, and the town is unable to access a water supply~~.

(2) Money in the municipal water infrastructure coal transition account must be used:

(a) by an eligible municipality for eligible costs beginning 5 years prior to the department's projected date of remediation completion as provided in subsection (3). Eligible costs consist of water infrastructure projects that exclusively provide municipal water services, including raw water transmission systems, drinking water treatment systems, source developments and improvements, finished water storage and distribution system improvements.

(b) by the department on or before July 1, 2035 and every 10 years afterward, for the purpose of department review or management and employing consultants or experts, an amount not to exceed $75,000 for each 10-year review period, to assist the department in the determination required in subsection (5).

(3) (a) A municipality is eligible to receive reimbursement funding from the municipal water infrastructure coal transition account if the municipality is primarily dependent on the water conveyance infrastructure of a coal-fired generating unit or units for its water supply.

(b) If the coal-fired generating unit or units converts to a future industrial use requiring water and the eligible municipality continues to be supplied water, the funds in the account revert to the general fund.

(4) (a) An eligible municipality shall make a written request to the department to access the funds in the account. The request must describe the eligible costs to be reimbursed and provide documentation of the costs for reimbursement. Eligible costs for reimbursement are those that are incurred as a result of remediation completion as provided in subsection (2).

(b) After receiving a request for reimbursement, the department:

(i) shall review the request to ensure funds are used in accordance with the purposes of this section;

(ii) may not unreasonably withhold reimbursement;

(iii) shall reimburse the municipality for eligible expenses from the account established in subsection (1); and

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(iv) shall provide an annual report in accordance with 5-11-210 to the energy and technology interim committee regarding reimbursed costs to eligible municipalities.

~~(4)~~(5) (a) The department, in consultation with the eligible municipality ~~[of environmental quality]~~ shall review this account every 10 years to confirm the funding level remains sufficient to meet the purposes of this section. The department shall report its finding to the ~~economic affairs~~ energy and technology interim committee in accordance with 5-11-210.

(b) The allocations into the municipal water infrastructure coal transition account pursuant to 15-35-108(11) continue until the department determines that the account has reached a level required to fully fund the purposes of this section. Upon this determination, the allocations must be suspended. If, based on an evaluation completed under subsection (5)(a), the department determines the account is insufficient to fully fund the purposes of this section, the allocations must be reactivated until the department again determines the account is fully funded.

(6) For the purposes of this section, the terms "coal-fired generating unit" and "department" have the same meaning as provided in 75-8-103."

NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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