

HB 382 Greg Oblander

Revise education laws related to career and technology student organizations

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HB 382 amends section 20-7-320, MCA. HB 382 revises the law related to career and technology student organizations (CTSO). Under the revisions each eligible CTSO is named to include Montana HOSA, Montana BPA, Montana DECA, Montana FFA, Montana TSA, Skills USA Montana, and Montana FCCLA.

Currently, the base appropriation for the program is \$553,000 per year. It is intended that the base be equally distributed to each CTSO for \$79,000 and the use of those funds is expanded from funding the state director to be used for “operations, management, and expenses”.

HB382 appropriates an additional \$350,000 in each year of the 2025 biennium. This funding is to be line-item identified for CTSO performance grants. The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute appropriated funds by September 1st. To be eligible for a performance grant the CTSO must have a minimum of \$20,000 in matching funds, which must consist of a minimum of \$15,000 in cash donations and may not receive more than 20% of the total amount of available appropriation for performance grants. Each CTSO is required to submit proposals for the performance grants by June 15th of each year. The proposal requirements are outlined in the bill. The OPI will create a module in E-grants to support the competitive grant portion of the bill.

The OPI will report to the education interim committee on the funding that was distributed under the program and the outcomes reported by the CTSO's.