FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0060

Title: Enabling legislation for Education Commission of the States

Primary Sponsor: Bea McCarthy

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature Date

Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	FY2002 Difference	FY2003 Difference
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:		**No fiscal impact**

Yes	No		Yes	No	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Payment to the Education Commission of the States (ECS) of state fees is not a necessary condition of joining the ECS. ECS encourages members to pay state dues, but it allows a state to be a member without paying state dues.
2. SB60 does not contain an appropriation for joining ECS.
3. According to the staff at ECS, if Montana were to pay state dues in FY 2002, the approximate cost would be $43,700. The FY 2003 is expected to be approximately 4% higher than the FY 2003 cost.

LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

At some point in the future, Montana may need to pay state dues in order to continue its membership in the Education Commission of the States.