



# School Funding Interim Commission

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## School Funding Interim Commission (SFIC)

June 4, 2025

Room 317, State Capitol

1:30pm – 5pm

- 1:30 Call to order – roll call – Representative Bedey, [HB 153](#) sponsor
- 1:35 Welcome – purpose – review of [HB 153](#) – Rep. Bedey and Commission Staff
- 1:45 Brief review of background materials and what brought us here – Commission Staff
- MT Constitution [Article X](#)
  - Definition of basic system under [20-9-309, MCA](#)
  - Litigation history
  - Funding basics – big picture/round numbers
  - Work of the “Constitutional Players”
- 2:30 Adoption of [Current 2023 Interim Committee Rules](#) (Leg Council may update/revise June 10)
- 2:40 Commission Roadmap
- Timeline / work plan
  - Innovation and Excellence in Education Working Group (IEEWG) Membership
  - IEEWG Facilitation
  - Action Item – how to proceed
- 3:30 Edunomics workshop reflections
- 4:00 Selection of presiding officers
- 4:05 Public Comment
- 4:30 Compensation basics – Angie Carter, LSD Financial Office Director
- 4:45 Next steps
- Finalize next meeting date(s)
  - Additional background information/resources
- 5:00 Adjourn