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Requested data of the Appropriation Sub-Committee for section E on Impact Aid related items

Q. Impact Aid – are there any OPI positions related to Impact Aid?
A. Yes, in part.

Q. If so, their roles and funding sources for those positions?
A portion of one Business Analyst position within the School Finance Division of the OPI is assigned to Impact Aid duties. These duties are described as follows:

-Processes applications and provides technical support as liaison for the Federal Impact Aid Program.
-Serves as the state's Impact Aid liaison between school districts and the Department of Education.

- The OPI aids public school districts in the organization and compiling of data as it relates to Federal applications for Impact Aid. The Federal application window occurs through the month of January. The assigned staff posts data needed for application input and assists districts by aiding with data input and by verifying the accuracy of data reported.
-This position also calculates and reports data requested by the Federal Impact Aid group of the US Department of Education. Specifically, the annual required calculation of Local Contribution Rates based on generally comparable Local Education Agencies.

The estimated time requirement of this position for Impact Aid related duties is approximately 12% to 15% of one FTE within the OPI. Variations in duty requirements are adjusted based on the demands from both the served districts and the Federal Impact Aid group.

Funding of this position is from the OPI program 6 state general fund request.

Q. number and name of districts receiving Impact Aid.
A. Please see the additional Excel spreadsheet tab: *Impact Aid Totals FY2016-2024,* for details. The average number of districts receiving Impact Aid is approximately 64 school districts.

Q. Amount of Impact Aid for each receiving district.
A. Please see the additional Excel spreadsheet tab: *Impact Aid Totals FY2016-2024,* for details.

Q. Impact Aid as a percentage of total funding for each receiving district.
A. Impact Aid is received directly from the Federal government and is to be deposited to the Impact Aid fund (26) authorized through section 20-9-514, MCA and is a non-budgeted fund. Please see the additional Excel spreadsheet tab: *Impact Aid Percent of Total,* for details.

Further information regarding Impact Aid: Home - Impact Aid Grant System

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