

SB-87

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IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Bandola of Montana introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Agricultural Outreach Act".

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Funding for each individual school will not exceed 10,000 dollars. This funding should act as a foundation in continuing agricultural/vocational programs or activities. Any further funding the school or programs deem necessary must be provided by the school or program itself.

SECTION 2.

Funding will be provided through a 0.10 percent allocation as well as a 50 cent increase on all tobacco sales. The reason for this allocation and increase is from the statistic that as of 2021, among citizens age 12 and over 22% (61.6 million) used tobacco or tobacco alternative products. These products are able to negatively affect the youth greatly, and with an increase on tobacco sales and taxing, the price can not only help deter those who are buying tobacco for underaged individuals, but also act as a deterrent for those with a nicotine addiction. It is of great importance that we protect the education of our youth, but also the general health and well being of our general population.

SECTION 3.

This bill will provide funding for schools that have not had an agricultural or vocational program for at least 2 years. This bill will also provide funding for schools that do not have proper equipment to teach certain classes. if the latter is the case, this bill will only provide 7,500 dollars to the school as the program exists.

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