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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Emotional disability -- terms. The term "emotional disability" may be used in place of the term "emotional disturbance" as defined in 34 CFR 300.8(c)(4), as that term relates to the provision of special education services, when used in the Montana Code Annotated or the Administrative Rules of Montana.

Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated $100 from the general fund to the office of public instruction for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, to communicate the allowance provided for in [section 1] in the office's publications related to the provision of special education.

Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 7, part 4, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 7, part 4, apply to [section 1].

Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,

HB 866, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this _____day

of_____, 2025.

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President of the Senate

Signed this _____day
of_____, 2025.

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