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**ITEM 142-103-R0309**

**Approval of fixed rate certificates of deposit as investment options within the Montana Family Education Savings Program.**

**THAT:**

The Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education, on the recommendation of the Montana Family Education Savings Program (MFESP) Oversight Committee, hereby approves the addition of College Savings Bank's one-year and three-year fixed rate, FDIC insured, certificate of deposits as investment options for participants of the Program.

**EXPLANATION:**

The Board of Regents, as administrator of the MFESP, is required to approve all investment options for plan participants. Due in part to the depressed economy, many MFESP investors have asked for fixed rate certificates of deposit offered for a specific period of time. College Savings Bank currently offers the CollegeSure CD, a certificate of deposit tied to an established college tuition inflationary rate. These one-year and three-year certificates would be offered at fixed rates of interest, thereby allowing investors to pick a specific term and interest rate. These new products would be available immediately upon approval.