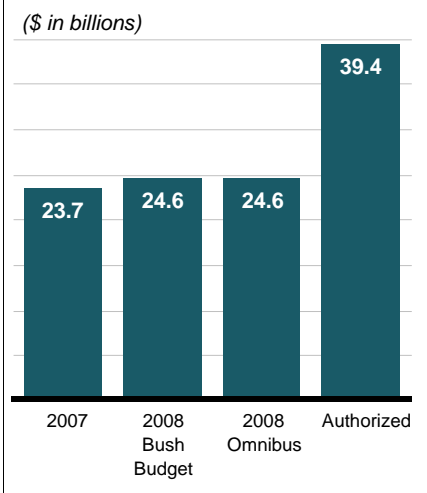


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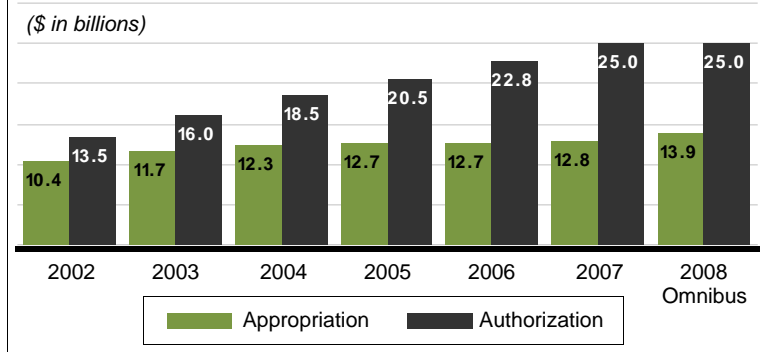
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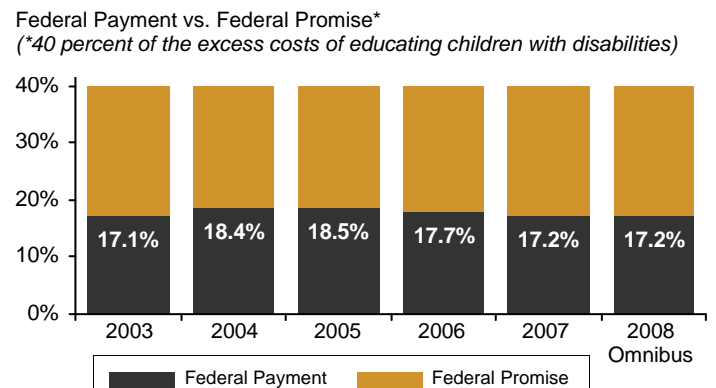
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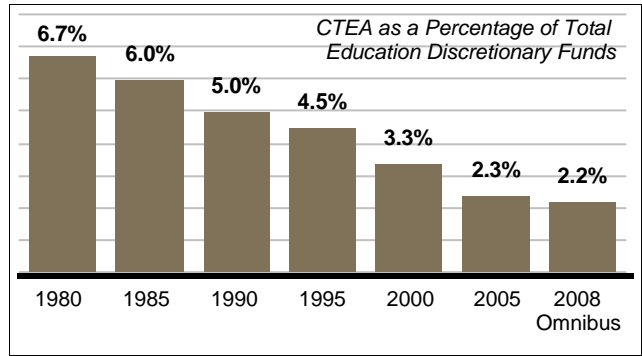
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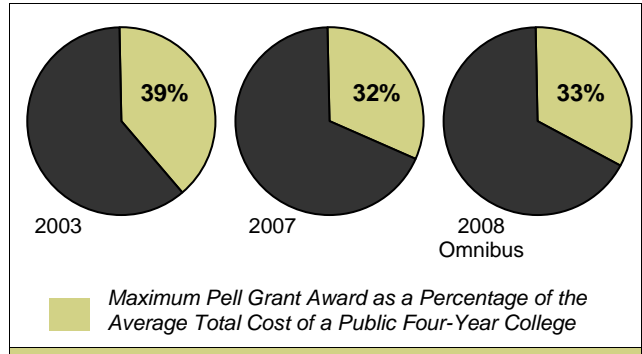
Montana <i>(dollars in millions)</i>							
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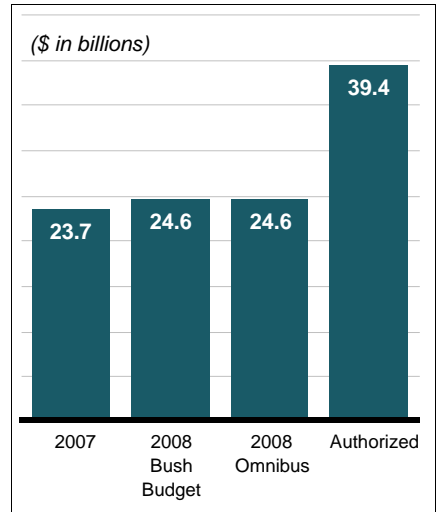
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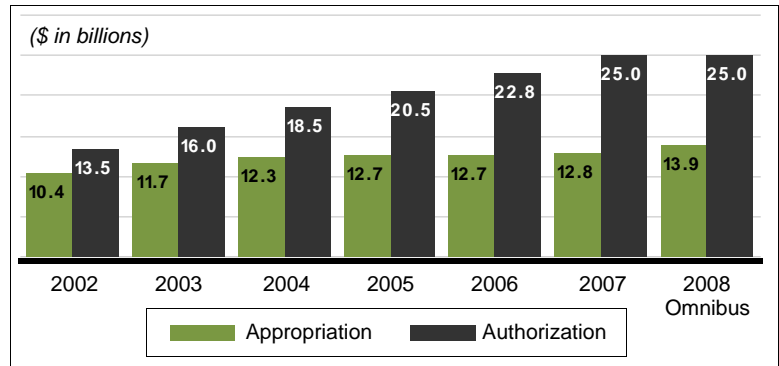
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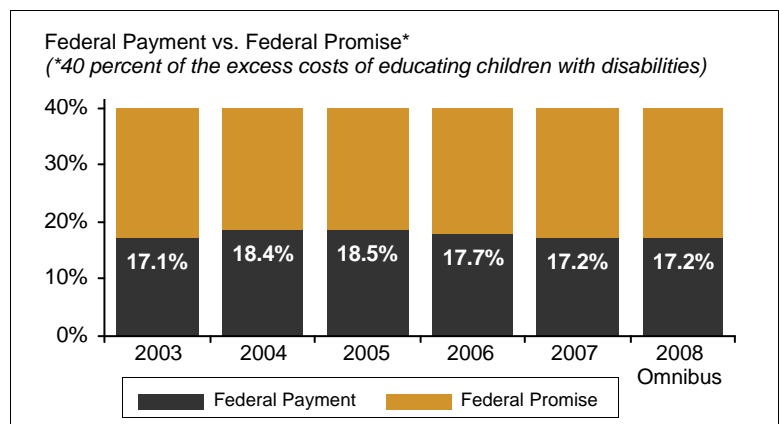
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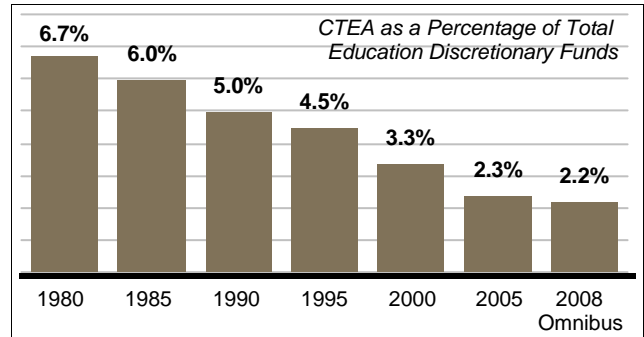
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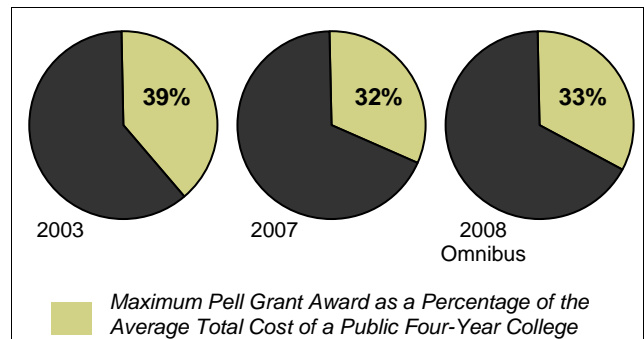
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