

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Senate Bill Number 121

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Delegation: Butte High School

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Referred to Committee: Senate Health & Human Services Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL FEMALES TO RECEIVE THE
2 GARDASIL VACCINE BEFORE ENTERING 9th GRADE."

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

5 **SECTION 1: Findings:** The virus HPV is responsible for most cervical cancers, genital warts, vaginal, and
6 vulvar cancers. Cervical cancer is the second leading cause of death in women throughout the world.

7 According to the American Cancer Society, about 3700 women in the United States died in 2006 due to
8 cervical cancer. The FDA has approved a vaccine, Gardasil, that is 100% effective in preventing HPV in
9 women who have not yet been exposed to this virus.

10 **SECTION 2: Action:** In order to decrease the number of deaths due to cervical cancer and other HPV caused
11 deaths the following should be made into law:

12 a) All females will be required to receive the Gardasil vaccine before entering the 9th grade,

13 b) The student's high school registration shall not be accepted until they have received the vaccine,

14 c) Registered school nurses will be able to administer this vaccine during school hours, and

15 d) A student may only be exempted from this law if they have a medical doctor's note recommending
16 they do not receive the vaccine, or being vaccinated goes against their religious practices.

17 **SECTION 3: Funding:** Funds for the vaccine will be obtained by the student. A student may file this
18 expense through their insurance company or the Medicaid or CHIP programs.

19 **SECTION 4: Enactment:** This bill shall be enacted upon the first day of the next school year.

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