

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Senate Bill Number 127

Legislative Action:

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H. Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House: \_\_\_\_\_

S. Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

Governor: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to Committee: Senate Education Committee

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO STOP SPORTS-RELATED TRANSFERS IN HIGH SCHOOL RECRUITING AND TO ENACT CONSEQUENCES.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:**

**NEW SECTION, Section 1.** Montana high schools will not accept a student's request for sports participation if the student has transferred from another school only to participate in the sports program.

**NEW SECTION, Section 2.** Students who have been expelled from their previous school will be suspended from extracurricular activities at their new school for a period lasting no longer than 6 months. This also affects students who have been removed from previous sports/extracurricular activity because of insubordination to coaches or peers, or who have used drugs or alcohol.

**NEW SECTION, Section 3.** Students with a history of behavioral issues will be on a strict no tolerance rule.

(1.) These students must abide by all rules and coach direction with tolerance and do twice the work that a normal athlete would until proven him/herself to the team and coaches.

**PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, Section 4.** Every student participating in MHSA sanctioned high school sports must have a cumulative body of evidence maintained that records that individual's status in all sports.

**SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES, Section 5.** Penalties will be enacted against any school failing to abide by this act. Penalties range from punishing an athlete to punishing both the team and the school.

(1.) First Offense: School is warned and the sports team will not be able compete in any MHSA events for the remainder of the season.

(2.) Second Offense: School is put on a two-year suspension.

(3.) Third Offense: A four-year suspension is imposed during which the team is banned from competing in any MHSA sanctioned events

(4.) Fourth Offense: The sports program from the school is terminated.

**NEW SECTION, Section 6.** This law will take effect in the following school year.

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