

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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House Bill Number 316

Legislative Action:

Introduced by: Crystal Cossel

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

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

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

Delegation: Dillon

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

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

Referred to Committee: House Health & Human Services Committee

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO EXTEND FOOD STAMP ALLOWANCE

2 FOR ADULTS TAKING SELF HELP CLASSES UNDER THE ABAWD LAW"

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

4 **Section 1:** Definition: ABAWD Rule- (The Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents) provision

5 limits the receipt of food stamps to three initial months and up to three extended months in a 36

6 month period.

7 **Section 2:** Persons who participate in food stamp and other self help programs (i.e. Nourishing,

8 Financial Planning Classes, etc.) shall be exempted from the ABAWD Rule.

9 **Section 3:** Persons who take self help classes shall receive 5 limited initial months and up to 3

10 extended months for Food Stamps for themselves and their children.

11 **Section 4:** Persons who do not take courses will continue to follow the ABAWD Rule

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13 **Section 5:** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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