

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 338

Legislative Action:

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "To Mandate That The Montana Board of Education
2 Provides The Technological Resources For Every Montana School To Create Student Organized
3 News Broadcasts."

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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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7 Section 1: The Legislative intent is to raise student awareness and participation in every high
8 school in Montana. This would lessen the technological gap in funding between AA schools
9 through C schools. This would combine the talents of students that creatively write, film, act,
10 direct, and report. This would create the incentive for "thinking outside of the box", thus making
11 academics and current issues more interesting. Students will be more attentive to announcements
12 since there will be a visual representation to focus on.

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14 Section 2: News Material would be regulated by a state standard to make sure it is relevant and
15 appropriate to air publicly. Regulations would be set by the Montana Board of Regents.

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17 Section 3: Rules and Regulations
18 (1) All broadcasted material must follow FCC standards
19 (2) Broadcast must air at least once a week
20 (3) There must be at least one designated media teacher to oversee all news operations
21 (4) Each high school must have at least one class period taught by the designated
22 teacher
23 (5) The designated media teacher must be employed by the school district, and go
24 through specialized training to become proficient in the technological resources
25 (6) All information to be broadcast must be approved by the media teacher as
26 appropriate and relevant
27 (7) All members of the News team must be students at the school and or staff members.

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29 Section 4: The funding for this act would come from the Montana Education Fund.

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31 Section 5: This bill will come into effect the school year of 2010-2011.

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