

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 380

Legislative Action:

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Governor: _____

Delegation: Great Falls

Referred to Committee: House Health & Human Services Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
2 TO ENHANCE THEIR COMMUNITY THROUGH DIRECT OUTREACH."
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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
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6 Section 1: Rationale for enacting such a measure. High school students will gain an invaluable
7 life experience through experiencing direct community interaction and involvement. It is
8 essential that all Montana high school seniors graduate with the knowledge and skill to transition
9 successfully into their post-secondary future. This bill will enable students to have a more
10 complete understanding of what giving back to their community truly means.
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12 Section 2: Method of Implementation. In addition to Montana's graduation requirement of 21
13 credits, students would need to perform and provide evidence of 20 hours of direct community
14 service.
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16 Section 3: School District Implementation. Each Montana school district has the right to amend
17 the number of credits required to graduate as long as the credit minimum does not go under 21
18 credits. Montana school districts reserve the right to amend the required number of community
19 service hours as long as the number does not go under 20 hours.
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21 Section 4: Results of Implementation. Students will gain job experience, improve their nation,
22 state and world, and gain personal growth.
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24 Section 5: Taxpayer Benefit. Montana taxpayers will be paying for a more productive youth and
25 quality workforce. Montana youth will graduate with the knowledge and understanding of
26 service learning.
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28 Section 6: Effective Date. These changes to Montana's graduation requirements will be effective
29 for the incoming freshman to Montana's high school system for the 2008-2009 school year. The
30 first class in which will graduate under these conditions will be the Class of 2012.
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