

1 YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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4 \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Legislative Action:

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

6 Introduced by: Clayton Cameron

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

7 Authored by: Clayton Cameron

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

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

9 Delegation: Bozeman

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

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11 Referred to Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LIMITS ON THE NUMBER  
2 OF EXCUSED ABSENCES PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED  
3 BEFORE LOOSING CREDIT FOR A COURSE"

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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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7 **Section 1. Definitions.** "Student"- any child enrolled in public school grade K-12.

8 "Absence"-mark against a student who misses a class, counted in the students attendance record.

9 "Unexcused Absence"- an absence not excused by a parent or guardian. "Excused Absence"- an  
10 absence excused by a parent or guardian.

11 **Section 2. Action.** No public high school in the State of Montana shall limit the number  
12 of excused absences a student may have in order to receive credit for taking a course, so long as  
13 the student maintains passing grades in that course.

14 **Section 3. Intent.** The purpose of this act is to:

- 15 a) prevent unnecessary loss of credit,
- 16 b) encourage good health by not forcing unwell students to attend class,
- 17 c) and allow full participation in extracurricular activities outside of school.

18 **Section 4. Enforcement.** The Montana Board of Public Education will enforce this law.

19 **Section 5.** This bill shall be enacted upon passage.

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