

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Legislative Action:

House Committee: _____

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Senate Committee: _____

Senate: _____

Governor: _____

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Delegation: Butte High School

Referred to Committee:

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "Broadening the horizons with music"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH
LEGISLATURE:

Section 1 Intent: This act would require Montana High School students to take at least two years of music classes to receive a diploma from any Montana public High School. This bill would require consist of classes such as choir, band, orchestra, music fundamentals and etc.

Section 2 Recent Studies: Researchers have found musical training helps develop brain areas involved in language and reasoning. Studies have clearly indicated that musical training physically develops the part of the left side of the brain known to be involved with processing language, and can actually wire the brain's circuits in specific ways. Linking familiar songs to new information can also help imprint information on young minds. Also recent studies show that students who study the arts are more successful on standardized tests such as the SAT and achieve higher grades in high school. Music study also enhances teamwork skills, discipline and communication with one another.

Section 3 Exceptions: Class C Schools and below would not be required to maintain a music program due to lower student numbers and economic resources

Section 4 Funding: Funding for this act will come from growth experienced in the gaming industry.

Section 5 Effective Date: This bill will become affective upon passage.