

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

_____ Bill Number _____

Legislative Action:

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Delegation: Capital High School

Referred to Committee:

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMMEND TENURE REQUIREMENTS
2 FOR TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM; AMMENDING SECTION 20-4-203,
3 MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND APPLICABLILITY DATE.""
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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

6 **Section 1. Tenure requirements.** Section 20-4-23 (1) of the Montana Code Annotated is
7 amended to read:

8 " **20-4-203. Teacher tenure.** (1) Except as provided in 20-4-208, whenever a teacher has
9 been elected by the offer and acceptance of a contract for the ~~fourth~~sixth consecutive year of
10 employment by a district in a position requiring teacher certification except as a district
11 superintendent or specialist and upon the approval of a tenured teacher in an administrative
12 position following a teaching evaluation, the teacher is considered to be reelected from year to
13 year as a tenured teacher at the same salary and in the same or a comparable position of
14 employment as that provided by the last-executed contract with the teacher unless the trustees
15 resolve by majority vote of their membership to terminate the services of the teacher in
16 accordance with the provisions of 20-4-204.

17 (4) Upon receiving tenure, the employment of a teacher may be terminated for good cause.

18 (5) For Purposes of Subsection (1), "teaching evaluation," means a period of time, not to be
19 less than 10 hours in duration, in which a tenured teacher in an administrative position critically
20 observes pupil instruction time in an effort to determine the effectiveness of a teacher. "

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22 **Section 2. Effective Date ~~ applicability.** This act is effective June 12, 2009 and applies to all
23 pre-tenure district employed teachers as of the effective date.

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