

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

_____ Bill Number _____

Legislative Action:

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House Committee: _____

House: _____

Senate Committee: _____

Senate: _____

Delegation: Bozeman

Governor: _____

Referred to Committee: _____

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO DECREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF
2 HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER TESTS TO NO MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OF A STUDENT'S
3 OVERALL SEMESTER GRADE."

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2009 MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

5 **Section 1. Intent:** For the purpose of school being based on knowledge rather than how
6 well a student can take a final test, no Montana high school can make a semester final worth
7 more than 10 percent of a student's overall grade.

8 **Section 2. Purpose:** A bill to decrease the worth of a semester test on an overall grade
9 must be passed for the following reasons:

10 A. A student's knowledge of a subject is already reflected by that person's grade before it
11 is affected by the semester test.

12 B. A semester test should not be able to drastically affect a student's overall grade.

13 C. Too much stress is put on the semester test, which causes an increase in cheating in the
14 school district and takes the focus away from learning.

15 **Section 3. Funding:** No funding is necessary with the passing of this bill.

16 **Section 4. Enforcement:** To be enforced by the Montana Board of Education.

17 **Section 5. Enactment Date:** This act will become effective upon passage.

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