

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Legislative Action:

Introduced by: Senators Alex Esteves and Chelsea Okerman
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 Senate Committee: _____
 Senate: _____
 Governor: _____

Delegation: Miles City

Referred to Committee: _____

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "Educating Montana Law Enforcement Officers"

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3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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5 **Section 1. Definitions.** Montana state law enforcement agencies are as follows:
 6 Montana Highway Patrol, Montana Department of Corrections, Montana Department of Justice –
 7 Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

8 **Section 2.** All future law enforcement officers who are employees of these agencies will
 9 be required to attend a minimum of two years of post-secondary education, in addition to
 10 attending Police academy (when required for their job description).

11 **Section 3.** If current recruits have at least 200 hours of training at the time this law is put
 12 into effect, they do not have to attend the required amount of post-secondary school.

13 **Section 4.** Scholarships will be made available to future law enforcement officers to
 14 encourage post-secondary education and to assist in the pursuing of their education.

15 **Section 4.** This bill will be effective upon passage.

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