

YMCA Youth Legislature of Montana

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Legislative

Action

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House Committee: _____
House: _____
Senate Committee: _____
Senate: _____
Governor: _____

Delegation: Great Falls High School

Referred to Committee: _____

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CREATE STATE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Action. Local county health departments will determine where injection drug use is the highest within each respective county. Once determined, counties will emplace a needle exchange program facility in those cities/towns where injection drug use is the highest.

Section 2. Services Provided. The needle exchange program facility will distribute sterile syringes ,and offer HIV screening, drug counseling, and social service referrals for injection drug users.

Section 4. Funding. Funding will come from the general fund and will be capped at one million dollars.

Section 5. Enforcement. Through the Montana Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 6. Enactment. The bill will go into effect January 1st, 2011.

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