

1 YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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House Committee: _____

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House: _____

Senate Committee: _____

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Senate: _____

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14 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 20-1-301. TO PROVIDE
15 AN ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION FOR SENIORS IN A FISCAL SCHOOL YEAR."

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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19 **20-1-301. School fiscal year.** (1) The school fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on
20 June 30. At least the minimum aggregate hours defined in subsection (2) must be conducted
21 during each school fiscal year, except that 1,050 aggregate hours of pupil instruction for
22 graduating seniors may be sufficient.

23 (2) The minimum aggregate hours required by grade are:

24 (a) 360 hours for a half-time kindergarten program or 720 hours for a full-time kindergarten
25 program, as provided in 20-7-117;

26 (b) 720 hours for grades 1 through 3; and

27 (c) 1,080 hours for grades 4 through 12.

28 (3) For any elementary or high school district that fails to provide for at least the minimum
29 aggregate hours, as listed in subsections (1) and (2), the superintendent of public instruction shall
30 reduce the direct state aid for the district for that school year by two times an hourly rate, as
31 calculated by the office of public instruction, for the aggregate hours missed.

32 NEW SECTION: **Section 1. Additional Exception for seniors**

33 Seniors will not be required to attend 1,050 aggregate hours of pupil instruction if:

34 (a) The seniors average G.P.A. is at least a 3.0

35 (b) The senior attends classes required by the Montana Board of Public Education

36 (c) The senior has previously or through exception will acquire enough credits to graduate

37 NEW SECTION: **Section 2.** This bill will take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal school
38 year.

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