

1 YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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4 \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Legislative Action:

5 House Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

6 Introduced by: Samuel Viall

House: \_\_\_\_\_

7 Authored by: Samuel Viall

Senate Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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9 Delegation: Miles City

Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

Governor: \_\_\_\_\_

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11 Referred to Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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15 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO RESTATE THE REQUIRMENTS TO  
16 GRADUATE FROM MONTANA HIGH SCHOOLS"

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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20 **Section 1.** The Montana high school graduation requirements will read as follows:

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22 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

23 (1) As a minimum, a school district's requirements for graduation shall include a total of  
24 24 units of study that enable all students to meet the content and performance standards. Each  
25 unit shall be equal to two semesters or approximately 120 full hours of instruction.

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27 (2) In order to meet the content and performance standards, the following 24 units shall be  
28 the 24 units required for all students to graduate:

- 29 (a) 4 units of English language arts;
- 30 (b) 2 units of mathematics;
- 31 (c) 3 units of social studies;
- 32 (d) 1 unit of humanities, psychology, or other human studies;
- 33 (e) 4 units of science;
- 34 (f) 4 units of health enhancement;
- 35 (g) 1 unit of special survival education
- 36 (h) 2 unit of vocational/technical education;
- 37 (i) 2 units of arts, instrumental music, or vocal music;
- 38 (j) 1 unit of foreign language

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40 (3) Units of credit earned in any Montana high school accredited by the Board of Public  
41 Education shall be accepted by all Montana high schools.

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- 43 (4) Requirements are as follows by section, consisting of either complete courses on or  
44 combinations of the following:
- 45 (a) Reading Comprehension, Journalism, Literature Studies, Speech, Novel Studies, or  
46 other accredited courses;
  - 47 (b) Of either Algebra or Geometry, or any higher mathematics course or other accredited  
48 courses;
  - 49 (c) World, State (Montana), or United States History, Government and Economics or  
50 other accredited courses;
  - 51 (d) Humanities, Psychology, or other human studies as accredited
  - 52 (e) Physical, Chemical, or Biological or other accredited science studies, with at least one  
53 credit in a lab oriented class;
  - 54 (f) Physical education and/or conditioning classes;
  - 55 (g) Will include disaster, spontaneous corpse reanimation cataclysm defense and  
56 education, wilderness, and basic college survival;
  - 57 (h) Any approved and accredited vocational and/or technological studies and education;
  - 58 (i) Physical arts, instrumental music, or vocal/choir instruction;
  - 59 (j) Any language other than English as accredited;

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61 (5) In accordance with the policies of the local board of trustees, students may be graduated  
62 from high school with less than four years enrollment.

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64 (6) Compensation for students physically and/or mentally unable to adhere to these standards  
65 shall be assessed by the local school board and by the state

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67 **Section 2.** This legislation will become effective the following school year, taking effect  
68 July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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