

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

INTRODUCED BY DICKENSON

BY REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING THE ELIGIBILITY OF CHILDREN FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; AMENDING SECTION 20-8-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 20-8-104, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-8-104. Eligibility of children for admittance. ~~Upon proper application for admittance, as prescribed by the rules of the board of public education, and either pursuant to an individualized educational plan developed jointly by a child's local educational agency and the Montana school for the deaf and blind or by direct application by the child's parents, hearing impaired or visually impaired children who are not more than 21 years of age residing within the state of Montana and nonresident children who are not more than 21 years of age may be admitted to the Montana school for the deaf and blind if the child's local educational agency and the Montana school for the deaf and blind determine that the admittance constitutes the most appropriate educational placement for the child. In order to be eligible for services from the Montana school for the deaf and blind, a child may not be more than 21~~ YET HAVE REACHED 22 years of age and must be identified as deaf, hearing impaired, or visually impaired by a child study team as provided in PURSUANT TO the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1414."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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