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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 230
2	INTRODUCED BY KOOPMAN, MCGILLVRAY, LANGE
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ALTERNATIVELY CERTIFY
5	TEACHERS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION; REQUIRING ALLOWING THE
6	SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO ISSUE A TEACHER CERTIFICATE TO A PERSON WHO
7	IS ALTERNATIVELY CERTIFIED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
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9	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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11	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Certification of teachers by school district trustees qualifications
12	exemptions state certification. (1) The trustees of a school district may adopt an alternative certification
13	policy to allow a person who does not hold a teacher certificate issued by the superintendent of public instruction
14	to teach in a school in the district. In order to be alternatively certified, a person shall:
15	(a) pass an examination used to admit a person to a teacher education program to determine if the
16	person's basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics are sufficient to perform satisfactorily as a teacher; and
17	(b) complete a 1-year internship in a school in the district MUST PASS A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND
18	BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.
19	(2) The trustees' issuance of an alternative certificate must IS RECOMMENDED TO be based IN PART on an
20	evaluation of:
21	(a) the person's academic knowledge; IN THE SUBJECT AREA OR AREAS BEING TAUGHT AND
22	(b) the results of the examination required in subsection (1)(a);
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24	(d) the academic achievement of pupils taught by the person during the internship.
25	(3) The trustees shall report to the superintendent of public instruction all of the alternative certificates
26	issued under this section.
27	(4) A person alternatively certified under this section is subject to all of the provisions of Title 20 relating
28	to teachers except for the provisions of 20-4-103, 20-4-104, and 20-4-106.
29	(5) The trustees may hire a teacher who has been alternatively certified by another school district under
30	the provisions of this section.
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1	(6) (5) After the 1-year internship <u>TRIAL PERIOD</u> , the trustees shall present <u>MAY RECOMMEND</u> the person to
2	the superintendent of public instruction for state certification. The superintendent shall issue a teacher certificate
3	to a person alternatively certified by the trustees under the provisions of this section BASED ON THE ACADEMIC
4	ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PUPILS TAUGHT BY THE PERSON DURING THAT FIRST YEAR.
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6	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
7	integral part of Title 20, chapter 4, part 1, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 4, part 1, apply to [section 1].
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9	NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.
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