

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 733

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT EACH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL IN
5 MONTANA PROVIDE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CERTAIN STUDENTS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT
6 THE LINK BETWEEN HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS AND CERVICAL CANCER AND THE AVAILABILITY OF A
7 HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS VACCINE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN
8 SERVICES TO PREPARE THE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS; REQUIRING SCHOOLS TO ISSUE A YEARLY
9 REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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11 WHEREAS, 10,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, 3,700 women die each year from cervical cancer in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, 99% of cervical cancer cases are linked to the human papillomavirus (HPV); and

14 WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the U.S. Department of Health and
15 Human Services recommends HPV vaccines for 11-year-old and 12-year-old girls.

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

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19 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Information for prevention of cervical cancer.** (1) In the initial year of
20 operation, the parents or guardians of each female student entering the 6th through 12th grades at any public
21 or private school in the state of Montana must be provided with information about the link between human
22 papillomavirus and cervical cancer and the availability of a human papillomavirus vaccine. After the first year of
23 operation, that information must be provided to the parents and guardians of female students entering 6th grade.
24 The information must include:

25 (a) the causes and symptoms of human papillomavirus, how it is spread, and the places where parents
26 and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children; and

27 (b) current recommendations from the United States centers for disease control and prevention regarding
28 the receipt of vaccines for human papillomavirus and where the vaccination can be received.

29 (2) The department shall prepare the informational materials and shall consult with the office of public
30 instruction. The office of public instruction shall provide the materials to each public or private school in Montana.

