

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 420

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED ON AT LEAST A  
5 HALF-TIME BASIS TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE MONTANA WORK-STUDY PROGRAM; AND AMENDING  
6 SECTION 20-25-701, MCA."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 20-25-701, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"20-25-701. Definitions and purpose.** (1) As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires,  
12 the following definitions apply:

13 (a) "Institution" means any public institution of postsecondary education governed, supervised, or  
14 coordinated by the board of regents of higher education.

15 (b) "Student" means ~~any a~~ Montana resident, as established by the board of regents of higher education,  
16 who has met the qualifications for enrollment ~~as a full-time student~~ at an institution on at least a half-time basis  
17 or who is presently enrolled ~~as a full-time student~~ on at least a half-time basis and is in good standing, ~~as~~  
18 ~~determined by the institution.~~

19 (2) It is the purpose of this part to help ensure that no resident of Montana be denied attendance at  
20 institutions governed, supervised, or coordinated by the board of regents of higher education because of financial  
21 barriers and further to provide low-cost supplemental assistance for all governing units within Montana. The  
22 legislature intends that any Montana resident wishing to gain admittance to ~~such institutions~~ an institution in  
23 Montana, within necessary budgetary limitations as provided by law, ~~shall~~ be allowed the opportunity to earn in  
24 part or in total sufficient money to pay the costs accompanying ~~such~~ attendance through employment by state  
25 and local governing units and certain public interest organizations."

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