

SENATE BILL NO. 208

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING SATURDAY SCHOOL IN K-12 SCHOOLS; REQUIRING THAT SATURDAY SCHOOL BE VOLUNTARY; REQUIRING THAT SATURDAY SCHOOL IS NOT A PUPIL-INSTRUCTION-RELATED DAY; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-1-303, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 20-1-303, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-1-303. Conduct of school on Saturday or Sunday prohibited -- ~~exception~~ exceptions. (1)**

Except as provided in ~~this section~~ subsections (2) and (3), pupil instruction may not be conducted on Saturday or Sunday.

(2) In emergencies, pupil instruction may be conducted on a Saturday when it is approved by the trustees of the school district in accordance with the policies adopted by the board of public education.

(3) Pupil instruction may be held on a Saturday at the discretion of a school district for the purpose of providing additional pupil instruction, provided that:

(a) Saturday school is not a pupil-instruction-related day, as defined in 20-1-304;

(b) teachers who volunteer to teach on a Saturday are compensated at the same rate as and in addition to their annual contract of employment compensation; and

(c) student attendance is voluntary."

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