

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on February 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Sarah Laszloffy, Chair (R)
Rep. Debra Lamm, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Excused: Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch
Nadia Zylawy, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 374, 2/9/2015

00:00:01 Chair Laszloffy
 00:00:29 *Rep. Meyers entered*

HEARING ON HB 374

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:47 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 374,
 Provide for school suicide prevention awareness training.

[EXHIBIT\(edh33a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:17 Don Berryman, School Principal at Acadia Montana, Representative for the
 Jason Foundation (JFI)

[EXHIBIT\(edh33a02\)](#)

00:15:09 Bill Wheeler, Self

00:21:41 Cathy Maloney, County Superintendent of Butte Silver Bow, Elected Officials of
 Butte Silverbow, Butte Silverbow County Coalition for Suicide Prevention, County
 Superintendents Association of the State, Teacher

[EXHIBIT\(edh33a03\)](#)

00:24:50 Dr. Gary Mihelish, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)

00:27:22 Pat Prendergast, Butte Suicide Prevention Coalition

00:28:30 Linda Palagi, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte (BBBSButte), Self

00:32:36 Dominic Meyers, Cultural Consultant, Chippewa Tribe

00:34:48 Dr. Eric Arzubi, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at Billings Clinic, Chair of
 Psychiatry Department at Billings Clinic, President Elect of Big Sky Council of
 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

00:37:02 Jeanne Kruse, Self

00:37:53 Judy Jonart, Superintendent, Butte School District (BSD#1)

00:38:27 Mary Morgan, Licensed Clinic Social Worker at Western Montana Mental Health
 (WMMHC), Comprehensive School and Community Treatment (CSCT),
 Therapist Kennedy Elementary in Butte Montana

00:41:12 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance of Mental Illness of Montana
 (NAMI Montana)

00:43:27 Steve York, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:45:56 Ken Holmlund, HD 38, Self

00:49:27 Eddie Zimpel, Trustee Butte Public Schools

00:51:39 Susan Armstrong, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Great Falls,
 Comprehensive School and Community Treatment (CSCT)

00:52:45 Jennifer Preble, Center for Mental Health

00:54:13 Pat Audet, Associate Director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:54:45 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:55:16 Maia Parisot, Self

00:56:39 Tiffany Hanson, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:49 Rep. Meyers
 01:00:47 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
 01:02:09 Rep. Meyers
 01:02:44 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
 01:04:57 Rep. Greef
 01:05:47 Dr. Eric Arzubi, Billings Clinic
 01:08:47 Rep. Salomon
 01:09:10 Rep. McClafferty
 01:09:48 Rep. Salomon
 01:10:04 Rep. McClafferty
 01:10:21 Rep. Essmann
 01:10:42 Don Berryman, JFI
 01:12:14 Rep. Lamm
 01:12:55 Don Berryman, JFI
 01:13:41 Rep. Lamm
 01:13:48 Don Berryman, JFI
 01:14:10 Rep. Lamm
 01:14:33 Dr. Eric Arzubi, Billings Clinic
 01:15:13 Rep. Lamm
 01:15:32 Dr. Eric Arzubi, Billings Clinic
 01:17:33 Rep. McClafferty
 01:17:54 Rep. Lamm
 01:18:11 Mary Morgan, WMMHC
 01:19:13 Jim O'Neill, Curriculum Director, Butte School District (BSD1)
 01:21:36 Rep. Lamm
 01:21:48 Jim O'Neill, BSD1
 01:21:58 Rep. Hertz
 01:23:06 Rep. McClafferty

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:23 Rep. McClafferty

 01:23:55 Chair Laszloffy
 01:24:06 Recess

 01:37:30 Reconvene
 01:38:02 Rep. Kelker
 01:38:09 Chair Laszloffy
Rep. Webber entered

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 423

01:38:34 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 423 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:38:49 Rep. Kelker
 01:39:11 Rep. Salomon
 01:39:24 Rep. Lamm
 01:39:46 Rep. B. Bennett

01:40:25 Rep. Salomon
01:41:01 Rep. McClafferty
01:41:16 Rep. Essmann
01:42:35 Rep. Lamm
01:43:33 Rep. Kelker
01:44:08 Rep. Salomon

01:44:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. McClafferty and Rep. Salomon voting no. Rep. Meyers and Rep. Schwaderer voted by proxy.

01:45:34 Chair Laszloffy
01:45:39 Rep. Funk
01:46:17 Chair Laszloffy
01:46:25 Rep. Essmann

01:46:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 339 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 10-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Lamm, Rep. Laszloffy and Rep. Monforton voting no. Rep. Meyers and Rep. Schwaderer were excused.

01:48:39 Rep. Funk
01:49:19 Rep. Hertz
01:49:47 Rep. Price
01:50:17 Chair Laszloffy
01:50:47 Rep. Price
01:51:04 Rep. Lamm
01:51:28 Sabrina Steketee, Trustee, Jefferson County School Board

EXHIBIT(edh33a04)

01:52:12 Chair Laszloffy
01:52:27 Rep. Price

EXHIBIT(edh33a05)

01:55:01 Chair Laszloffy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:55:01

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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