

1 SENATE BILL NO. 356

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND
5 PROVIDING THAT THE CURRICULUM FOR THE MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY MUST
6 INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 44-10-202, MCA, is amended to read:11 **"44-10-202. Powers and duties of department.** The department of justice shall have the power and
12 it shall be its duty to:

13 (1) establish qualifications for admission to the academy;

14 (2) select from among qualified applicants those officers and other individuals who are to attend the
15 academy each year;16 (3) except as provided in subsection (11), determine the curriculum and methods of training for officers
17 and other individuals attending the academy;

18 (4) select and hire staff as it considers necessary to implement this chapter;

19 (5) establish rules for the conduct of officers and other individuals enrolled at the academy;

20 (6) award appropriate certificates to officers and other individuals who successfully complete their
21 training;22 (7) provide for the keeping of permanent records of enrollment, attendance, and graduation and other
23 records as the department considers necessary;24 (8) make a yearly report in writing of the activities of the academy. Copies of this report shall be sent to
25 the governor, attorney general, and secretary of state.26 (9) do all other things necessary and desirable for the establishment and operation of the academy not
27 inconsistent with this chapter or the constitution and statutes of the state of Montana;28 (10) accept and expend grants from federal, state, county, and city governments or private persons,
29 associations, or corporations; and30 (11) the curriculum must include A SPECIFIC SECTION OF instruction on constitutional law emphasizing the

- 1 rights of the people as set forth in the bill of rights of the United States constitution and the rights contained in
- 2 Article II of the Montana constitution."
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