

HOUSE BILL NO. 256
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE JURISDICTION OF CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICERS; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-25-321, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 20-25-321, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-25-321. Security department members -- appointment -- campus security officer powers. (1)

The regents of the Montana university system may appoint one or more persons to be members of security departments at each unit of the university system, ~~as such security departments are constituted on July 1, 1971, or may thereafter be constituted.~~ Persons who are qualified under 7-32-303 to be campus security officers and who are employed and compensated as members of the security departments when so appointed by a security department as campus security officers are peace officers; ~~however, such peace officers shall not and may~~ exercise their authority ~~except:~~

(a) upon the campuses of the Montana university system and, ~~for campus-related activities,~~ in an area within 1 mile of the exterior boundaries of each thereof campus; and

(b) in or about other grounds or properties owned, operated, controlled, or administered by the regents or any unit of the Montana university system.

(2) ~~Such Campus security officers shall have no power to~~ may not serve and execute civil processes.

(3) Each university system security department shall seek an agreement with local law enforcement agencies that specifies whether the security department or the local law enforcement agency that is a party to the agreement has primary jurisdiction in the area between the campus boundary and 1 mile beyond the boundary. The agreement may divide primary jurisdiction between the parties in that area."

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