

HOUSE BILL NO. 625
INTRODUCED BY R. BUZZAS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING A COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, OR MUNICIPALITY TO IMPOSE A VOTED LEVY FOR PROGRAMS THAT PREVENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE BY MINORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Prevention program voted levy.** (1) If authorized by the electors, the governing body of a county, city, town, or municipality may establish a fund to establish and maintain prevention programs within the geographic boundaries of the governing body by a levy on the taxable property within the county, city, town, or municipality. The tax levy is in addition to all other tax levies. The election to authorize the levy must be conducted as provided in 15-10-425.

(2) The governing body may, by resolution, make expenditures from the fund as it may from time to time determine, provided that expenditures must be made solely for the establishment, maintenance, and development of prevention programs.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "prevention programs" include programs that reduce substance abuse by minors and that have as their purpose the promotion of safe schools and communities.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 7, chapter 6, part 21, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 6, part 21, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2003.

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