

HOUSE BILL NO. 685
INTRODUCED BY S. MENDENHALL

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO COUNT STUDENTS IN A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER IN THE DISTRICT'S ANB COUNT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. ANB for students in certain facilities.** A school district with a residential treatment center for school-aged children located within the district's boundaries may include a student in the treatment center in the district's ANB count if:

- (1) the district retains written verification from the residential treatment center documenting the student's participation in the treatment center's education program on the date that enrollment is counted;
- (2) the residential treatment center has applied for accreditation for its education program from the board of public education;
- (3) all of the teachers in the residential treatment center's education program are certified, as provided in 20-4-101;
- (4) the residential treatment center is licensed by the state as a youth group home that provides therapeutic services; and
- (5) the school district has entered into a contractual agreement with the residential treatment center to provide educational services to the students in the center.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 9, part 3, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 9, part 3, apply to [section 1].

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2005.

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