

HOUSE BILL NO. 395
INTRODUCED BY W. JONES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REGIONAL INITIATIVE IN DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Regional initiative in dental education.** The board of regents shall provide access to publicly funded dental education for Montana students by establishing a regional initiative in dental education program in which Montana resident students complete their first year of dental training at Montana state university-Bozeman and then transfer to the university of Washington school of dentistry to complete their dental training, with clinical rotations across Montana in the later years of dental school, especially in rural and under-served communities.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$2,397,000 from the general fund to the board of regents for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, to establish the regional initiative in dental education program as envisioned by the feasibility study conducted pursuant to House Bill No. 522 (Chapter 339, Laws of 2005).

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 25, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 25, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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