

HOUSE BILL NO. 182

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADDING TO LEGISLATIVE GOALS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AN EMPHASIS ON LITERACY AND NUMERACY, STRATEGIC REASONING, AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD; AMENDING SECTION 20-1-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 20-1-102, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-1-102. Legislative goals for public elementary and secondary schools. It is the goal of the legislature that Montana's public elementary and secondary school system, in cooperation with parents or guardians, create a learning environment for each student that:

(1) develops a sound foundation for literacy and numeracy during the early years that is built upon and reinforced throughout the educational experience;

~~(1)~~(2) furthers the ability to reason critically, ~~and~~ creatively, and strategically;

~~(2)~~(3) fosters the ability to effectively understand and communicate ideas, knowledge, and thoughts;

~~(3)~~(4) develops a sense of personal and civic responsibility;

(5) provides an in-depth understanding of the American political, social, and economic systems and the historical context from which they arose;

(6) provides familiarization with political, social, and economic systems found elsewhere in the world;

~~(4)~~(7) develops a strong work ethic, postsecondary readiness, and employment skills; and

~~(5)~~(8) encourages a healthy lifestyle."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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