

HOUSE BILL NO. 248

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO BULLYING IN SCHOOLS TO CLARIFY THAT THE REQUIREMENT TO EXHAUST ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES DOES NOT PRECLUDE CONTACTING LAW ENFORCEMENT IN RELATION TO INCIDENTS OF BULLYING; AMENDING SECTION 20-5-210, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 20-5-210, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-5-210. Enforcement -- exhaustion of administrative remedies. (1) A person alleging a violation of 20-5-207 through 20-5-210 may seek redress under any available law, ~~either civil or criminal~~, after exhausting all administrative remedies.

(2) Nothing in this section precludes a person from contacting law enforcement in relation to incidents of bullying at any point in time."

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

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