

HOUSE BILL NO. 248

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO BULLYING IN SCHOOLS TO
5 CLARIFY THAT THE REQUIREMENT TO EXHAUST ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES DOES NOT PRECLUDE
6 CONTACTING LAW ENFORCEMENT IN RELATION TO INCIDENTS OF BULLYING; AMENDING SECTION
7 20-5-210, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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

12 **"20-5-210. Enforcement -- exhaustion of administrative remedies.** (1) A person alleging a violation
13 of 20-5-207 through 20-5-210 may seek redress under any available law, either civil or criminal, after exhausting
14 all administrative remedies.

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

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

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