

1 SENATE BILL NO. 109  
2 INTRODUCED BY D. SALOMON

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IDENTIFY GIFTED AND  
5 TALENTED CHILDREN; AMENDING SECTION 20-7-902, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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9 **Section 1.** Section 20-7-902, MCA, is amended to read:

10 **"20-7-902. School district programs to identify and serve the gifted and talented child.** (1) A

11 school district ~~may shall identify gifted and talented children and devise programs to serve them.~~

12 ~~(2) In identifying gifted and talented children, the school district shall:~~

13 ~~(a) consult with professionally qualified persons and the parents of children being evaluated;~~

14 ~~(b) consider a child's demonstrated or potential gifts or talents; and~~

15 ~~(c) use comprehensive and appropriate assessment methods including objective measures and~~

16 ~~professional assessment measures. provide educational services to gifted and talented students that are~~

17 ~~commensurate to student needs and foster a positive self-image.~~

18 (2) A school district shall provide structured support and assistance to teachers in identifying and  
19 meeting the diverse student needs of gifted and talented students and a framework for considering a full range  
20 of alternatives for addressing student needs."

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22 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2021.

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