

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

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

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

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

11 **"20-7-902. School district programs to identify and serve the gifted and talented child. (1) A**

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

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

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

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

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

17 ~~professional assessment measures. PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS THAT~~

18 ~~ARE COMMENSURATE TO STUDENT NEEDS AND FOSTER A POSITIVE SELF-IMAGE.~~

19 (2) A SCHOOL DISTRICT ~~SHALL~~ may PROVIDE STRUCTURED SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO TEACHERS IN

20 IDENTIFYING AND MEETING THE DIVERSE STUDENT NEEDS OF GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS AND A FRAMEWORK FOR

21 CONSIDERING A FULL RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES FOR ADDRESSING STUDENT NEEDS."

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

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