

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 575

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM OFFERING HEALTH
5 CARE PROGRAMMING OR SERVICES THAT MAY CAUSE THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS AGENTS;
6 PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
7 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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11 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Prohibition on health care programming or services that may
12 **transmit infectious agents.** (1) A school district is prohibited from offering any health care programming or
13 services to students that would potentially cause the spread of infectious agents such as those contained in
14 saliva, blood, or other human bodily fluids.

15 (2) This section does not apply to services provided by a school-based health center.

16 (3) For the purposes of this section, "infectious agent" means an agent with the following factors
17 present simultaneously:

18 (a) virulence, which is the ability of the agent to cause disease;

19 (b) dose, which is an agent in sufficient quantity to cause infection;

20 (c) portal of entry, which is an opening or route of access into a human body; and

21 (d) host susceptibility, in which the host's natural resistance is incapable of preventing infection.

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23 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
24 integral part of Title 20, chapter 5, part 4, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 5, part 4, apply to [section 1].

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26 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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