

SENATE BILL NO. 109

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

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

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

"20-7-902. School district programs to identify and serve the gifted and talented child. (1) A school district may shall identify gifted and talented children and devise programs to serve them.

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

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

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

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

professional assessment measures. PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS THAT ARE COMMENSURATE TO STUDENT NEEDS AND FOSTER A POSITIVE SELF-IMAGE.

(2) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE STRUCTURED SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO TEACHERS IN IDENTIFYING AND MEETING THE DIVERSE STUDENT NEEDS OF GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS AND A FRAMEWORK FOR CONSIDERING A FULL RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES FOR ADDRESSING STUDENT NEEDS."

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

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