

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO MAKE MONTANA SCHOOLS MORE
2 ENERGY EFFICIENT IN ORDER TO REDUCE ENERGY COSTS AND RETURN TO THE
3 GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT THE MONEY SAVED; AND PROVIDING
4 EFFECTIVE AS OF THE 2008-2009 MONTANA PUBLIC SCHOOL YEAR"

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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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8 Section 1. Rationale for enacting such a measure. In response to growing concern over global climate
9 change, Montana public schools will make more environmentally sustainable energy portfolio choices.
10 This in turn will decrease the amount of taxpayer dollars spent on rising energy costs.

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12 Section 2. Energy reduction methods. All public elementary, middle, and high schools, in the state of
13 Montana will work towards energy efficiency. First, this bill will require that each district perform an
14 "energy audit" through local energy providers. The findings of this audit will be communicated to the
15 state, which will set goals and guidelines specific for
16 each Montana school district.

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18 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Implementation of Methods. Each school district will be required to
19 implement an energy saving policy that conforms to and is convenient for the size, resources, and specific
20 needs and goals of the district.

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22 Section 4. Results of Implementation. The energy savings will ultimately result in lower energy costs.
23 The surplus energy budget funds will be redirected into the school district's general fund, therefore
24 minutely alleviating the burdens of an overwhelmed and stretched budget.

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26 Section 5. Taxpayer benefit. If enough money is saved by making Montana public schools energy
27 efficient, ultimately school districts will decrease the mills required in the mill levy. This ultimately will
28 place fewer burdens on Montana taxpayers and increase likelihood of mill levy approval by voters
29 because of the decreased request.

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31 Section 6. Effective date. This bill will become effective at the start of the 2008-2009 Montana public
32 school year.

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