

SENATE BILL NO. 107

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING EDUCATION LAWS; ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE GOAL FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT INSTRUCTION OF PREVENTION AND AVOIDANCE OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING; REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES TO EDUCATE MONTANANS ABOUT AND PREVENT CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-1-102 AND 20-7-1316, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 20-1-102, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-1-102. Legislative goals for public elementary and secondary schools. It is the goal of the legislature that Montana's public elementary and secondary school system, in cooperation with parents or guardians, create a learning environment for each student that:

- (1) develops a sound foundation for literacy and numeracy during the early years that is built upon and reinforced throughout the educational experience;
(2) furthers the ability to reason critically, creatively, and strategically;
(3) fosters the ability to effectively understand and communicate ideas, knowledge, and thoughts;
(4) develops a sense of personal and civic responsibility;
(5) provides an in-depth understanding of the American political, social, and economic systems and the historical context from which they arose;
(6) provides familiarization with political, social, and economic systems found elsewhere in the world;

- 1 (7) develops a strong work ethic, postsecondary readiness, and employment skills;
- 2 (8) encourages a healthy lifestyle; ~~and~~
- 3 (9) supports instruction of financial literacy, where students obtain the knowledge and skills
- 4 required to succeed financially; and
- 5 (10) supports instruction of avoidance of participation or involvement in and prevention of child sex
- 6 trafficking and human trafficking."

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8 **Section 2.** Section 20-7-1316, MCA, is amended to read:

9 **"20-7-1316. Child sex trafficking and human trafficking prevention.** The office of public instruction

10 ~~is encouraged to shall~~ undertake activities to educate Montanans about and prevent child sex trafficking and

11 human trafficking. Activities may include but are not limited to:

- 12 (1) reviewing best practices for preventing child sex trafficking and human trafficking;
- 13 (2) providing access to educational resources for interested parents, teachers, child-care
- 14 providers, and other community members on how to prevent child sex trafficking and human trafficking, on the
- 15 warning signs of child sex trafficking and human trafficking, and on predatory behaviors;
- 16 (3) coordinating educational and prevention efforts with law enforcement, the department of public
- 17 health and human services, and local organizations that work to prevent child sex trafficking and human
- 18 trafficking; and
- 19 (4) supporting school districts in developing:
 - 20 (a) policies on child sex trafficking and human trafficking awareness, prevention, response, and
 - 21 reporting; and
 - 22 (b) educational materials and curricula aimed at preventing child sex trafficking and human
 - 23 trafficking."

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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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