

HOUSE BILL NO. 535

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING EDUCATION LAWS; ESTABLISHING
THAT CERTAIN STATUTORY DEFINITIONS APPLY TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE; PROVIDING A
DEFINITION OF "FINANCIAL LITERACY"; ~~DESCRIBING COURSEWORK THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE
BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD
OF PUBLIC EDUCATION;~~ AMENDING SECTIONS SECTION 20-1-101 ~~AND 20-7-111~~, MCA; AND
PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 20-1-101, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-1-101. Definitions. As used in this title and in administrative rules implementing this title, unless
the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Accreditation standards" means the body of administrative rules governing standards such as:

(a) school leadership;

(b) educational opportunity;

(c) academic requirements;

(d) program area standards;

(e) content and performance standards;

(f) school facilities and records;

(g) student assessment; and

(h) general provisions.

(2) "Aggregate hours" means the hours of pupil instruction for which a school course or program is
offered or for which a pupil is enrolled.

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title and the policies adopted by the board of public education and who is employed by a district as a member of its instructional, supervisory, or administrative staff. This definition of a teacher includes a person for whom an emergency authorization of employment has been issued under the provisions of 20-4-111.

(30)(31) "Textbook" means a book, digital resource, or manual used as a principal source of study material for a given class or group of students.

(31)(32) "Textbook dealer" means a party, company, corporation, or other organization selling, offering to sell, or offering for adoption textbooks to districts in the state.

(32)(33) "Trustees" means the governing board of a district.

(33)(34) "University" means the university of Montana-Missoula.

(34)(35) "Vocational-technical education" means vocational-technical education of vocational-technical students that is conducted by a unit of the Montana university system, a community college, or a tribally controlled community college, as designated by the board of regents."

Section 2. Section 20-7-111, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-7-111. Instruction in public schools. (1) ~~Except as provided in subsection (2) (3), the board of public education shall define and specify the basic instructional program for pupils in public schools, and this program must be set forth in the standards of accreditation. Other instruction may be given when approved by the board of trustees.~~

(2) The basic high school instructional program may include but is not limited to coursework in the following:

(a) English language arts;

(b) mathematics;

(c) science;

(d) social studies, which may include coursework in civics or government;

(e) career and technical education;

(f) arts;

(g) health and physical education;

(h) world languages; and

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1 ~~(i) — economics and financial literacy.~~

2 ~~(2)(3) — The trustees of a school district shall ensure that all pupils in grades 3 through 12 receive~~

3 ~~instruction about the United States constitution and the pledge of allegiance."~~

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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