

HOUSE BILL NO. 508

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE GOAL FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT INSTRUCTION IN MEDIA LITERACY; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-1-102, MCA."

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 on 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;
- (7) strengthens media literacy, including:
  - (a) developing the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create, and act using all forms of communication; and
  - (b) reducing susceptibility to disinformation, misinformation, propaganda, and indoctrination.
- ~~(7)~~(8) develops a strong work ethic, postsecondary readiness, and employment skills;
- ~~(8)~~(9) encourages a healthy lifestyle; and

