



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."

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

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 109, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

SENATE BILL NO. 109

INTRODUCED BY D. SALOMON

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