



AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING EDUCATION LAWS; ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE GOAL FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT INSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL 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 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) develops a strong work ethic, postsecondary readiness, and employment skills; ~~and~~
- (8) encourages a healthy lifestyle; and
- (9) supports instruction of financial literacy, where students obtain the knowledge and skills required to succeed financially."

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 535, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 535

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