

HOUSE BILL NO. 778

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING HOME SCHOOLS; SEPARATING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME SCHOOLS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS; AMENDING SECTION 20-5-109, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 20-5-109, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-5-109. Nonpublic and home school requirements for compulsory enrollment exemption. (1)

To qualify its students for exemption from compulsory enrollment under 20-5-102, a nonpublic or home school:

(1) (a) shall maintain records on pupil attendance and disease immunization and make the records available to the county superintendent of schools on request;

(2) (b) shall provide at least the minimum aggregate hours of pupil instruction in accordance with 20-1-301 and 20-1-302;

(3) (c) must be housed in a building that complies with applicable local health and safety regulations; and

(4) (d) shall provide an organized course of study that includes instruction in the subjects required of public schools as a basic instructional program pursuant to 20-7-111; and

(5) (2) in the case of home schools, To qualify its students for exemption from compulsory enrollment under 20-5-102, a home school:

(a) shall notify the county superintendent of schools of the county in which the home school is located in each school fiscal year of the student's attendance at the school;

(b) shall maintain records on pupil attendance and make the records available to the county superintendent on request;

(c) shall provide at least the minimum aggregate hours of pupil instruction in accordance with 20-1-

1 301 and 20-1-302; and

2 (d) shall provide an organized course of study that includes instruction in the subjects required of
3 public schools as a basic instructional program pursuant to 20-7-111."

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

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