

SENATE BILL 218

IN THE SENATE

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Committee on Education

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1 Senate BILL NO. 218
 2 INTRODUCED BY Bob Brown Kevin

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO GENERALLY REVISE THE
 5 LAW RELATING TO INDIAN STUDIES INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS;
 6 AMENDING SECTIONS 20-4-211 AND 20-4-213, MCA."

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

9 Section 1. Section 20-4-211, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "20-4-211. Definitions. (1) As used in 20-4-211
 11 through 20-4-214, "American Indian studies" means
 12 instruction pertaining to the history, traditions, customs,
 13 values, beliefs, ethics, and contemporary affairs of
 14 American Indians, particularly Indian tribal groups in
 15 Montana.

16 (2) As used in 20-4-211 through 20-4-214,
 17 "instruction" means:

18 (a) a formal course equivalent to 3 quarter credits of
 19 study offered by a unit of higher education developed with
 20 the advice and assistance of Indian people;

21 (b) in-service training developed by the
 22 superintendent of public instruction in cooperation with
 23 educators of Indian descent and made available to school
 24 districts; or

25 (c) in-service training provided by a local board of

1 trustees, which is developed and conducted in cooperation
 2 with local Indian people."

3 Section 2. Section 20-4-213, MCA, is amended to read:

4 "20-4-213. Qualification in Indian studies -- trustees
 5 and noncertified personnel. (1) By Except as provided in
 6 subsection (2), by July 1, 1979 1981, all district boards of
 7 trustees for elementary and secondary public school
 8 districts on or in public schools located in the vicinity of
 9 an Indian reservations where or at which the enrollment of
 10 Indian children qualifies the school for federal funds for
 11 Indian education programs is 25% or more of total enrollment
 12 shall employ only those certified personnel who have
 13 satisfied the requirements for instruction in American
 14 Indian studies as defined in 20-4-211.

15 (2) (a) Such trustees shall allow certified personnel
 16 2 school years from the date of initial acceptance of the
 17 contract of employment to satisfy those requirements. Such
 18 trustees may not deny initial employment as a teacher or
 19 administrator to a certified person for the sole reason that
 20 he has not yet satisfied those requirements provided he does
 21 so within the next 2 school years.

22 (b) Subsection (1) does not apply with regard to
 23 certified personnel who are 67 years of age or older on July
 24 1, 1979.

25 ~~(2)~~(3) Members of boards of trustees and all

1 noncertified personnel in public school districts on or in
2 the vicinity of Indian reservations are encouraged to
3 satisfy the requirements for instruction in American Indian
4 studies as defined in 20-4-211."

5 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Education students to receive
6 Indian studies instruction. A student matriculating at any
7 unit of the Montana university system after July 1, 1979,
8 may not receive a degree in elementary or secondary
9 education unless he has received 3 quarter credits of
10 instruction in American Indian studies as defined in
11 20-4-211(2)(a).

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