

SENATE BILL NO. 58

INTRODUCED BY VAN VALKENBURG

BY REQUEST OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

IN THE SENATE

January 5, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education.
January 20, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
January 21, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 22, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
January 23, 1981	Considered correctly engrossed.
January 24, 1981	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

January 26, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services.
January 31, 1981	Rereferred to Committee on Education.
March 5, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 9, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 12, 1981	Third reading, concurred in as amended. Ayes, 92; Noes, 4.

IN THE SENATE

March 13, 1981                      Returned from House with amendments.

March 16, 1981                      On motion, consideration be passed for the day.

March 17, 1981                      Second reading, amendments concurred in.

March 19, 1981                      Third reading, amendments concurred in. Ayes, 46; Noes, 0. Sent to enrolling.

April 2, 1981                        Correctly enrolled.

   Signed by President.

April 3, 1981                        Delivered to Governor.

April 9, 1981                        Returned from Governor with recommended amendments.

April 11, 1981                       Second reading, Governor's amendments concurred in.

April 13, 1981                       Third reading, Governor's amendments concurred in. Ayes, 43; Noes, 3. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

April 17, 1981                       Second reading, Governor's amendments concurred in.

   On motion rules suspended and Governor's amendments placed on third reading this day.

   Third reading, Governor's amendments concurred in. Ayes, 82; Noes, 12.

IN THE SENATE

April 20, 1981

Returned from House. Con-  
curred in. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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Approved by Committee  
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THIRD READING

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

Section 1. Section 20-5-403, MCA, is amended to read:

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~~(b)~~ (B) qualifies for conditional enrollment; or

~~(c)~~ (C) files for an exemption; OR

(D) IS A PUPIL TRANSFERRING FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL

DISTRICT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2).

~~(2) Failure to act as provided in subsection (1) in a reasonable period of time, as determined by the board of trustees, is an exemption on the grounds provided in 20-5-405(1).~~

(2) A PERSON WHO TRANSFERS FROM ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ANOTHER HAS 30 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL TO EITHER COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1)(A), COMMENCE IMMUNIZATION IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY 20-5-404, OR FILE FOR AN EXEMPTION. IF NONE OF THE FOREGOING ACTIONS IS TAKEN WITHIN 30 DAYS, THE TRANSFER PUPIL IS PROHIBITED FROM FURTHER ATTENDANCE UNTIL SUCH ACTION IS TAKEN."

Section 2. Saving clause. This act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. THIS ACT IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1981.

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HOUSE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 58  
March 4, 1981

third reading copy, be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 8.

Following: "TO ACT;"

Insert: "ALLOWING A GRACE PERIOD FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS;"

2. Page 1, line 13.

Following: "required"

Strike: "."

Insert: "--grace period for transfers. (1)"

3. Page 1, line 15.

Following: "unless"

Strike: ", prior to enrollment,"

4. Page 1, line 16.

Following: "~~a~~"

Strike: "(1)"

Insert: "(a)"

5. Page 1, line 21.

Following: "~~b~~"

Strike: "(2)"

Insert: "(b)"

Following: "enrollment;"

Strike: "or"

6. Page 1, line 22.

Following: "~~e~~"

Strike: "(3)"

Insert: "(c)"

Following: "exemption"

Strike: "."

Insert: "; or"

7. Page 1.

Following: line 22

Insert: "(d) is a pupil transferring from another school district as provided in subsection (2)."

8. Page 2.

Following: line 1

Insert: "(2) A person who transfers from one school district to another has 30 calendar days after commencement of attendance at school to either complete immunization as specified in subsection (1)(a), commence immunization in the manner required by 20-5-404, or file for an exemption. If none of the foregoing actions is taken within 30 days, the transfer pupil is prohibited from further attendance until such action is taken."



April 8, 1981

PROPOSED GOVERNOR'S AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 58;  
REFERENCE COPY, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Page 2, Line 1  
Following: "DISTRICT"  
Delete: "AS PROVIDED IN"  
Insert: "in which case the provisions of"  
Following: "SUBSECTION (2)"  
Insert: "apply"
2. Page 2, Line 8  
Following: "AT"  
Insert: "the"  
Following: "SCHOOL"  
Insert: "to which he or she transfers"

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TED SCHWINDEN  
GOVERNOR

State of Montana  
Office of the Governor  
Helena 59620

April 8, 1981

The Honorable Robert L. Marks  
Speaker of the House  
State Capitol  
Helena, Montana 59620

The Honorable Jean Turnage  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Representative Marks and Senator Turnage:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, I hereby return Senate Bill No. 58, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 20-5-403, MCA, OF THE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAWS TO ELIMINATE THE EXEMPTION BASED ON FAILURE TO ACT; ALLOWING A GRACE PERIOD FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE," without my signature and recommend the attached amendments for the following reasons.

The amendments I am proposing to SB 58 are for clarification only and in no way alter the intent of the bill.

Language in Section 1(1)(D) of the bill leaves the impression that subsection (2) in some manner describes pupil transfers. Subsection (2) does not describe transfers but rather, unsuccessfully attempts to provide a grace period for transfer pupils in which they can comply with immunization requirements. The proposed amendment clarifies this intention.

Further, language in subsection (2) raises the question whether the 30-day grace period begins to run with the commencement of attendance at the first school attended by a transfer student or at the school to which the student transfers. The proposed amendment makes it clear that the 30 day grace period begins to run after the commencement of attendance at the school to which the student transfers.

I urge your concurrence in these amendments.

Sincerely,



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Governor