



HB 361 Rep. Brandon Ler

An Act Providing That use of a name and sex by a student is not discrimination

Chapter: 256

Effective Date: April 25, 2023

HB 361 prohibits trustees of a school district from adopting a policy that subjects a student to disciplinary action for behavior that doesn't rise to the level of unlawful discriminatory practice under § 49-2-307, MCA, or bullying under § 20-5-208, MCA. HB 361 amends section 49-2-307, MCA, to say it is not an unlawful discriminatory practice to call another student by that student's legal name or to refer to that student by their sex.

HB 504 Rep. Naarah Hastings

Revise school laws to require trustees to adopt a grievance policy

Chapter: 305

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 504 amends section 20-3-323, MCA, titled District policy and record of acts, and states that the trustees of each district shall prescribe and enforce policies for the government of the district. The section is amended to include the following language related to grievance policies: The trustees shall, adopt a grievance policy that provides for informal and formal resolutions of a complaint, informs a grievant about the grievance policy, provides a printed version of the grievance policy on request, and accepts for filing a formal complaint submitted within 30 days of the completion of an informal resolution.

