



HB 450 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
Protect Physical self-defense in K-12 schools
Chapter: 266
Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 450 amends sections 20-5-201 & 20-5-209, MCA, HB 450 amends section 20-5-201, MCA, duties and sanctions. The amendment provides an exemption from the normal punishments for pupils who cause harm or show defiance if the pupil is protecting themselves or another person, as provided in § 20-5-209, MCA. Additionally, section 20-5-209, MCA, titled bullying of students prohibited – self-defense authorized is amended allowing students who are physically attacked to use physical force that's reasonable and necessary for selfprotection or protection of others. The amendment directs school districts to investigate the use of physical force and prohibits reprimand of the student who is found to have more likely than not used physical force for self-protection or protection of another.

HB 458 Rep. Fred Anderson
Generally revise regulations governing the eligibility of career coaches
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HB 458 amends section 20-1-101, MCA, revising law related to career coaches. HB 458 defines career coaching duties for career technical education and K-12 career and vocational/technical education as follows: • A high school district may utilize a career coach for educational and career counseling opportunities for students. • A career coach may offer opportunities for internships or apprenticeships within a community and assist students with high school course offerings, career options, occupational training, and postsecondary opportunities associated with the student's field of interest within the career technical education and K-12 career and vocational/technical education programs provided for in Title 20, chapter 7, part 3. • To be eligible to be a career coach, a person must have: • A bachelor's degree or a class 4 vocational, recreational, or adult education certificate, an associate degree and have completed a minimum of 5,000 hours of documented, relevant work experience with recognized credentials, which may include apprenticeship training, or • A high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma and have completed a minimum of 10,000 hours of documented, relevant work experience with recognized credentials, which may include apprenticeship training. Section 20-1-101, MCA, is amended to include a definition for "Career coach" as follows: A person who, pursuant to [section 1], provides career technical education or K-12 career and vocational/technical education postsecondary options to pupils in a district.

