

Immersion Proposal #1: Expanding program eligibility

Section x. Section 20-7-1403, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-7-1403. (Temporary) Definitions. As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Eligible district" means a school district encompassing or adjacent to an Indian reservation or a school district that includes one or more schools with an Indian population of 10% or greater.

(2) "Immersion program" means a program of an eligible district in which:

(a) all participating students receive content area instruction in an Indian language ~~at least 50% of the day;~~

(b) teachers are fully proficient in the languages they use for instruction; and

(c) the goal of the program is perpetuating cultural integrity and promoting bilingualism and biliteracy.

(3) "Indian language" means any of the languages of the tribes located on the seven Montana reservations and the Little Shell Chippewa tribe. (Terminates June 30, 2019--sec. 10, Ch. 442, L. 2015.)"

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