

SENATE BILL NO. 478

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING HIGHER EDUCATION LAWS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PAY MEDICAL COSTS RELATED TO REQUIRED COVID-19 VACCINATIONS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Requirement to pay certain medical costs -- definitions. (1) A covered institution shall provide reimbursements to students for medical costs as described in this section.

(2) A student seeking payment of medical costs under this section shall submit to the covered institution at which the student is or was enrolled a request for payment containing the following information:

(a) a record of covid-19 vaccination, including:

(i) the date of the vaccination; and

(ii) certification that the vaccination was acquired in order to comply with requirements of the covered institution for attendance; and

(b) certification from a medical provider that, following the vaccination described in subsection (2)(a), the student received a diagnosis of one or more of the following diseases:

(i) myocarditis;

(ii) pericarditis;

(iii) thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome;

(iv) Guillain-Barre syndrome; or

(v) any other disease with a positive association with the covid-19 vaccine that the board of regents of higher education determines to be warranted; and

(c) records of the medical costs for the student.

(3) For the purposes of this section, the following terms apply:

(a) "Covered institution" means a public institution of postsecondary education governed,

1 supervised, or coordinated by the board of regents of higher education.

2 (b) "Medical costs" means:

3 (i) costs associated with the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, or treatment of a disease described in
4 subsection (2)(b); and

5 (ii) any wages or income lost due to illness caused by a disease described in subsection (2)(b).

6 (c) "Student" means an individual who, for any amount of time, attends or attended, as applicable,
7 a covered institution after January 20, 2020.

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9 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
10 integral part of Title 20, chapter 25, part 3, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 25, part 3, apply to [section 1].

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12 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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