

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS REGARDING UNIVERSITY HOUSING;  
5 REQUIRING A UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE IN THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO ALLOW A  
6 STUDENT TO LIVE OFF CAMPUS WITH AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE  
7 OF THE CAMPUS WHERE THE STUDENT ATTENDS; PROVIDING A DEFINITION; AND PROVIDING AN  
8 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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12        **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Off-campus residence -- living with family member.** (1) A university or  
13      college facility may not require a student to live in an on-campus housing facility as a condition of enrollment or  
14      attendance at any unit of the Montana university system if the student lives with an immediate family member at  
15      the family member's principal residence that, driving at a reasonable speed for the road surface, is within a 1-  
16      hour drive of the campus where the student attends university or college.

17 (2) The university or college may require the student to submit a form attesting to the student's  
18 residence with the immediate family member and may require the student to sign an acknowledgement that  
19 providing false information regarding the student's residence may result in disciplinary action by the university  
20 or college.

21 (3) When a student submits a form for approval of off-campus housing pursuant this section, the  
22 university or college shall approve or deny the student's request within 2 business days. The university or  
23 college may not deny the student's request if the student meets the requirements of this section.

24 (4) For the purposes of this section, "immediate family member" means a parent or legal guardian,  
25 a grandparent, an aunt or uncle, or a sibling who is 18 years of age or older.

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27 **NEW SECTION.** **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
28 integral part of Title 20, chapter 25, part 5, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 25, part 5, apply to [section 1].

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2        **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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