



**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

**SB 458 Sen. Carl Glimm**  
**Revising the laws to provide a common definition of sex when referring to humans**  
**Chapter: 685**  
**Effective Date: October 1, 2023**

An act generally revising the laws to provide a common definition for the word sex when referring to a human. This act alters definitions throughout the MCA.