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1	SENATE BILL NO. 478		
2	INTRODUCED BY T. MANZELLA		
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING HIGHER EDUCATION LAWS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN		
5	INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PAY MEDICAL COSTS RELATED TO REQUIRED COVID-19		
6	VACCINATIONS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
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8	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:		
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10	NEW	SECTION. Section 1. Requirement to pay certain medical costs definitions. (1) A	
11	covered institu	ition shall provide reimbursements to students for medical costs as described in this section.	
12	(2)	A student seeking payment of medical costs under this section shall submit to the covered	
13	institution at which the student is or was enrolled a request for payment containing the following information:		
14	(a)	a record of covid-19 vaccination, including:	
15	(i)	the date of the vaccination; and	
16	(ii)	certification that the vaccination was acquired in order to comply with requirements of the	
17	covered institution for attendance; and		
18	(b)	certification from a medical provider that, following the vaccination described in subsection	
19	(2)(a), the student received a diagnosis of one or more of the following diseases:		
20	(i)	myocarditis;	
21	(ii)	pericarditis;	
22	(iii)	thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome;	
23	(iv)	Guillain-Barre syndrome; or	
24	(v)	any other disease with a positive association with the covid-19 vaccine that the board of	
25	regents of higher education determines to be warranted; and		
26	(c)	records of the medical costs for the student.	
27	(3)	For the purposes of this section, the following terms apply:	
28	(a)	"Covered institution" means a public institution of postsecondary education governed,	



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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 S	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 2]		
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12	NEW S	SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.	

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