

HOUSE BILL 387

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1 *House* BILL NO. *387*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Dennis Hayes*
 3 *J. Brown*
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE STATE
 5 COOPERATIVE CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS WITHIN THE
 6 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES; PROVIDING
 7 FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CENTER; APPROPRIATING
 8 MONEY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
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10 WHEREAS, in 1967 the Montana Legislature established a
 11 statewide program for the collection of certain vital
 12 statistics but no central point exists in state government
 13 for the collection and analysis of all health-related data
 14 or for the making of health policy recommendations based
 15 upon that data; and

16 WHEREAS, the establishment of a central collection point
 17 for health data now collected by other state and local
 18 agencies and offices, combined with the ability to recommend
 19 health policy changes to state and local decisionmakers,
 20 would help ensure the efficient use of scarce state and
 21 local health-related information resources; and

22 WHEREAS, many other states have created state centers
 23 for health statistics to serve as central collection points
 24 for health data and health policy recommendations; and

25 WHEREAS, assistance to states in establishing state

1 centers for health statistics is available from the U.S.
 2 Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for
 3 Health Statistics through the cooperative health statistics
 4 system.
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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

7 NEW SECTION. **Section 1.** Short title. [Sections 1
 8 through 5] may be cited as the "Montana Cooperative Center
 9 for Health Statistics Act of 1991".

10 NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Definitions. As used in
 11 [sections 1 through 5], unless the context clearly indicates
 12 otherwise, the following definitions apply:

13 (1) "Department" means the department of health and
 14 environmental sciences provided for in Title 2, chapter 15,
 15 part 21.

16 (2) "Health statistics":

17 (a) means information and data held by the departments
 18 and concerning the subjects listed in [section 4(3)(a)
 19 through (3)(e)];

20 (b) means information or data held by the department or
 21 a local board or local health officer under Title 50,
 22 chapter 16, parts 7 and 10; Title 50, chapter 17, part 1;
 23 Title 50, chapter 18, part 1; Title 50, chapter 19, parts 1
 24 through 3; and Title 50, chapter 20, part 1; and

25 (c) includes personal identifier information for

1 subsections (2)(a) and (2)(b).

2 (3) "Local board" means a local board as defined in
3 50-2-101.

4 (4) "Local health officer" means a local health officer
5 as defined in 50-2-101.

6 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Cooperative center for health**
7 **statistics created.** A cooperative center for health
8 statistics is created within the department. The director of
9 the department shall appoint the head of the center and
10 organize and locate the center within the department as
11 provided in 2-15-112.

12 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Duties of center.** Under the
13 direction of the head of the cooperative center for health
14 statistics, the center shall:

15 (1) apply for and receive designation as the
16 cooperative center for health statistics for the state of
17 Montana under Public Law 95-623;

18 (2) administer state health statistical activities
19 under the cooperative health statistics system, as
20 authorized or required by Public Law 95-623;

21 (3) notwithstanding any provision of law to the
22 contrary, request and receive health statistics from any
23 state agency, local governmental unit, local board, or local
24 health officer or from any other office of the department,
25 including any of the following information or statistics

1 from the following departments or agencies:

2 (a) population or other census data from the department
3 of commerce;

4 (b) hospital admission information from the department;

5 (c) mental health information on children from the
6 department of family services and the department of
7 institutions;

8 (d) information on substance abuse from the department
9 of institutions; and

10 (e) information on medicaid from the department of
11 social and rehabilitation services;

12 (4) analyze any or all of the statistics, information,
13 or data received pursuant to subsection (3) for the purpose
14 of determining health trends or possible causes of health
15 problems or forecasting health needs or for other reasons
16 within the purposes of [section 1 through 5];

17 (5) make determinations based upon the analyses made
18 under subsection (4);

19 (6) report the determinations made under subsection (5)
20 to the governor, the legislature, and to those committees of
21 the legislature, state agencies and local governmental
22 units, local boards, and local health officers as the center
23 determines necessary; and

24 (7) make recommendations concerning the determinations
25 made under subsection (6) and report those recommendations

1 along with the determinations in an annual report and by
2 such other means and at other times as the head of the
3 center determines.

4 NEW SECTION. **Section 5.** Application of Government
5 Health Care Information Act. The provisions of Title 50,
6 chapter 16, part 6, apply to health statistics held by the
7 department pursuant to [sections 1 through 5].

8 NEW SECTION. **Section 6.** Appropriation. There is
9 appropriated to the department of health and environmental
10 sciences from the general fund for the biennium ending June
11 30, 1993, \$150,000 to be used by the department for the
12 purposes of [this act].

13 NEW SECTION. **Section 7.** Effective date. [This act] is
14 effective July 1, 1991.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE
Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0387, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A bill to create a state cooperative center for health statistics within the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences and appropriating \$150,000 general fund for the biennium.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The fiscal impact would be consistent with the appropriation provided in HB0387.
2. The appropriation provided for in HB0387 would fund 2.00 FTE (grade 16 statistician, grade 15 systems analyst) plus indirect cost assessments.


FISCAL IMPACT:

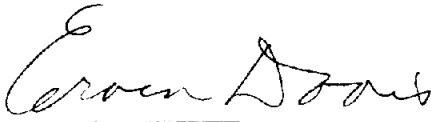
Expenditures:

	FY92			FY93		
	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
FTE	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00
Personal Services	0	62,720	62,720	0	62,574	62,574
Operating Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>12,280</u>	<u>12,280</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,426</u>	<u>12,426</u>
Total	0	75,000	75,000	0	75,000	75,000
General Fund	0	75,000	75,000	0	75,000	75,000

TECHNICAL NOTE:

The appropriation provided in HB0387 is approximately \$56,000 less than what DHES estimates would be required to satisfy legislative intent. DHES estimates that an additional 1.00 FTE (grade 9 administrative aide) and \$10,600 in operating and equipment budget would be required, for a total of approximately \$206,000 for the biennium.


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Office of Budget and Program Planning
DATE 1-30-91


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DATE 1-31-91

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