

HOUSE BILL 490

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 2 INTRODUCED BY Orife Becker Layton
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM
 5 FOR THE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND RETENTION OF LICENSED
 6 FOSTER PARENTS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
 7 FAMILY SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 41-3-1103, MCA; AND
 8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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 13 department shall:

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 15 the department for youth foster homes, youth group homes,
 16 child-care agencies, and detention facilities and services
 17 for youth in need of care, youth in need of supervision, and
 18 delinquent youth, as defined in 41-5-103;

19 (b) exercise licensing authority over all detention
 20 facilities as defined in 41-5-103, youth foster homes, youth
 21 group homes, and child-care agencies;

22 (c) collect and disseminate information relating to
 23 youth in need of care, youth in need of supervision, and
 24 delinquent youth;

25 (d) provide for training of program personnel

1 delivering services;
 2 (e) establish a program for the recruitment, training,
 3 and retention of licensed foster parents, as provided in
 4 [section 2];

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 6 providers, develop and implement standards for youth care
 7 facilities;

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 9 order to keep the legislature properly informed of the
 10 following:

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 12 need of supervision, and delinquent youth by category in
 13 out-of-home care facilities;

14 (ii) the cost per facility for services rendered;

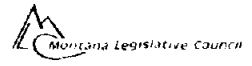
15 (iii) the type and level of care of services provided by
 16 each facility;

17 (iv) a profile of out-of-home care placements by level
 18 of care; and

19 (v) a profile of public institutional placements; and

20 ~~(g)~~(h) administer all funds allocated to the department
 21 for residential alcohol and drug abuse treatment for
 22 indigent youths in need of care, indigent youths in need of
 23 supervision, and indigent delinquent youths who require such
 24 treatment.

25 (2) The department may:



1 (a) enter into contracts with nonprofit corporations or
2 associations or private organizations to provide facilities
3 and services for youth in need of care, youth in need of
4 supervision, and delinquent youth;

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6 property from public and private sources to initiate and
7 maintain community-based services to youth;

8 (c) adopt rules to carry out the administration and
9 purposes of this part.

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11 personal needs, transportation, and treatment in youth
12 foster care homes and youth group homes for youths committed
13 to the department who need to be placed in such facilities."

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16 for the recruitment, training, and retention of licensed
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18 either directly or under contract with private, nonprofit
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21 (a) the responsibility and role of foster parents in
22 providing care for a foster child;

23 (b) building a child's self-concept and moral
24 development;

25 (c) constructive methods of discipline;

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2 child;

3 (e) the behavioral problems of emotionally disturbed
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6 (g) drug and alcohol abuse, including crack use and
7 fetal alcohol syndrome; and

8 (h) culturally appropriate care.

9 (2) The program also must include continuing education
10 and advanced training courses for licensed foster parents.

11 (3) A person must successfully complete the education
12 and training courses described in subsection (1) or (2) as a
13 condition of licensure or relicensure under 41-3-1142.

14 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Appropriation. There is
15 appropriated from the general fund to the department of
16 family services for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, the
17 sum of \$150,000 to carry out the purposes of [this act].

18 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction.
19 [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part
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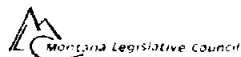
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