

HOUSE BILL 871

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 871
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE
 5 CITIZENS' ADVOCATE PROGRAM FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO THE
 6 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; APPROPRIATING MONEY; AND PROVIDING AN
 7 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

10 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Citizens' advocate program --
 11 functions. (1) The legislative council shall operate and
 12 maintain a citizens' advocate program.

13 (2) Access to the citizens' advocate program is
 14 provided to the citizens of Montana and their elected
 15 representatives through the operation of toll-free telephone
 16 access and other appropriate technology. The program shall
 17 provide information and referral to assist citizens in
 18 identifying the correct person or program to serve their
 19 need. The citizens' advocate program may assist in resolving
 20 problems through referral or direct intervention. The
 21 program may provide central access to state government for a
 22 program or activity that requires toll-free access.

23 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Assets transferred. The
 24 personnel, full-time equivalent authority, equipment,
 25 telephone number assignment, supplies, and space allocated

1 to the citizens' advocate office operated in the governor's
 2 office under executive order are transferred to the
 3 legislative council for the use of the citizens' advocate
 4 program.

5 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Appropriation. The following
 6 amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the
 7 legislative council for the operation of the citizens'
 8 advocate program:

9	FY 1992	\$70,526
10	FY 1993	71,205

11 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Coordination instruction. An
 12 appropriation in House Bill No. 2 for program 16, citizens'
 13 advocate office, in agency 3101, the governor's office, is
 14 rescinded.

15 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effect of appropriation on
 16 current level base. The appropriation to the legislative
 17 council in [section 3] is part of the current level base for
 18 purposes of budget submission and analysis under Title 17,
 19 chapter 7, part 1.

20 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Codification instruction.
 21 [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part
 22 of Title 5, chapter 11, and the provisions of Title 5,
 23 chapter 11, apply to [section 1].

24 NEW SECTION. Section 7. Effective date. [This act] is
 25 effective July 1, 1991.

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