

SENATE BILL 451

Introduced by Halligan

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1 *Senate* BILL NO. *451*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Holligan*

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ELIMINATE COUNTY
 5 RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF STATE
 6 PROTECTIVE SERVICES; REPEALING SECTION 14, CHAPTER 609, LAWS
 7 OF 1987; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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 9 WHEREAS, Chapter 609, Laws of 1987, creating the
 10 Department of Family Services, did not adequately address
 11 funding for the Department of Family Services; and

12 WHEREAS, section 14, Chapter 609, Laws of 1987, is
 13 presumed to make counties responsible for funding the
 14 administrative costs of the Department of Family Services in
 15 providing state protective services; and

16 WHEREAS, it is believed that it was not the intent of
 17 the 1987 Legislature to require counties to be responsible
 18 for funding the administrative costs of state protective
 19 services; and

20 WHEREAS, responsibility for funding the administrative
 21 costs of state protective services should be the total
 22 responsibility of state government.

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

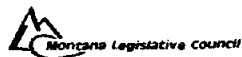
25 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Repealer. Section 14, Chapter

1 609, Laws of 1987, is repealed.

2 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is
 3 effective July 1, 1991.

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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB0451, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to eliminate county responsibility for funding the administrative costs of state protective services; repealing Section 14, Chapter 609, Laws of 1987; and providing an effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The act will repeal the current requirement that counties pay administrative costs.
2. Administrative operating costs currently provided by the non-assumed counties for such items as rent, supplies, communications, repairs, utilities, etc. are estimated by DFS regional administrators to be \$541,794 per year.
3. DFS will be required to expend one-time moving and start-up costs of \$130,160 in FY92.
4. Passage of the act will also repeal the requirement that the non-assumed counties reimburse DFS for salaries and travel expenses of protective services workers. The counties were projected to reimburse DFS \$912,332 each year of the biennium for salaries and travel of such personnel. These county reimbursements will have to be replaced by general fund.

FISCAL IMPACT:


Department of Family Services:

	FY 92			FY 93		
	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
Personal Services	8,546,703	8,546,703	0	8,583,251	8,583,251	0
Operating Costs	1,247,078	1,901,747	654,669	1,179,844	1,721,638	541,794
Equipment	22,365	39,650	17,285	22,365	22,365	0
Total	9,816,146	10,488,100	671,954	9,785,460	10,327,254	541,794
<u>Funding:</u>						
General Fund	6,490,408	8,074,694	1,584,286	6,488,267	7,942,393	1,454,126
County Reimbursement	912,332	0	(912,332)	912,332	0	(912,332)
Federal Fund	2,413,406	2,413,406	0	2,339,861	2,339,861	0
Total	9,816,146	10,488,100	671,954	9,740,460	10,282,254	541,794

General Fund Impact →

(1,584,286)

(1,454,126)



 ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
 Office of Budget and Program Planning



 MIKE HALLIGAN, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE
 2/25/91

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EFFECT ON COUNTY REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

The non-state-assumed welfare counties will no longer be required to provide administrative operating costs worth approximately \$541,794 annually to the Department of Family Services. The non-state-assumed welfare counties will no longer pay for personal services and travel of Department of Family Services child protective service workers in their counties which will reduce expenditures of these counties by \$912,332 per year. The savings to county governments will be somewhat less than the total general fund impact because some of the new costs for DFS are currently in-kind costs for counties (e.g. rent).

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