

HOUSE BILL NO. 405

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THOMAS, MARBUT, IVERSON, PAVLOVICH, ABRAMS, SWITZER,
EUDAILY, LORY, BACHINI, KEMMIS

IN THE HOUSE

January 19, 1983

Introduced and referred to
Committee on Appropriations.

March 28, 1983

Committee recommend bill do
pass as amended. Report
adopted.

Bill printed and placed on
members' desks.

Second reading, do pass.

Third reading, passed.
Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 5, 1983

Introduced and referred to
Committee on Finance and
Claims.

April 14, 1983

On motion taken from
Committee on Finance and
Claims and placed on second
reading.

Second reading, concurred in
as amended.

April 15, 1983

Third reading, concurred in.
Ayes, 28, Noes, 19.

IN THE HOUSE

April 16, 1983

Returned to House with
amendments.

April 18, 1983

Second reading, amendments
concurred in.

Third reading, amendments
concurred in.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

1 *Bergline* *House* BILL NO. *405*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Wesley* *Left* *Stephen* *Don* *Starko*
 3 *Manuel* *Q. Hernandez* *Van Volkmann* *Julius* *Nogman*
 4 *Berg* *Nallagan* *Rock* *Kadas* *Undstad* *Ayan* *Reutim*
 5 *Keenan* *Conover* *William* *Thomas* *Mah* *Shirley*
 6 ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION THROUGH A CENTRAL INFORMATION
 7 CENTER OPERATED BY A PRIVATE NONPROFIT CORPORATION UNDER
 8 CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL
 9 SCIENCES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A CENTRAL HEALTH
 10 INFORMATION CENTER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

11 WHEREAS, a central access point within the state is
 12 needed to provide consumer-oriented health information to
 13 lay persons and health professionals on physical and mental
 14 diseases, disorders, and concerns; and

15 WHEREAS, there are within the state of Montana many
 16 groups, organizations, and health care specialists available
 17 to comfort, diagnose, treat, or otherwise assist and inform
 18 persons regarding health problems, but because many of those
 19 persons and groups, both professional and lay, perform
 20 services that may not be publicly known, either locally or
 21 statewide; and

22 WHEREAS, health information is currently being gathered
 23 in each county and the collected data is a comprehensive
 24 compendium of available resources within a county; and

25 WHEREAS, there is a demonstrable need for this

1 information to be available statewide, to be updated, and to
 2 be available to lay persons and health care professionals on
 3 a current basis.

4 THEREFORE, it is the intent of this act to develop a
 5 central health information center to assure statewide access
 6 to current health information.

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

9 Section 1. Health information services. (1) There is a
 10 health information center, administered under the provisions
 11 of subsection (3) by the department of health and
 12 environmental sciences.

13 (2) The health information center shall provide a
 14 central access point to provide updated consumer-oriented
 15 information to lay persons and health care professionals
 16 regarding:

17 (a) health problems of lay individuals in areas of
 18 specific diseases, disorders, and health choices;

19 (b) assistance in accessing the existing health care
 20 delivery system;

21 (c) health support groups, such as lay groups who
 22 organize to address widespread or unique health problems
 23 such as cancer or kidney disorders by providing patient
 24 counseling; and

25 (d) other health service issues and problems.

1 (3) The health information center must be operated by
2 a private nonprofit corporation under contract to the
3 department of health and environmental sciences.

4 Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from
5 the general fund \$252,500 to the department of health and
6 environmental sciences for the biennium ending June 30,
7 1985, for the implementation of this act.

8 Section 3. Effective date. This act is effective July
9 1, 1983.

-End-

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 194-83

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 21, , 19 83 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 405 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 405 creates a central Health Information Center and appropriates the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences \$252,500 from the general fund.

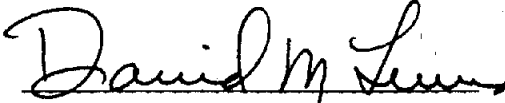
ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1) The department contracts officer will assume contract monitoring. Contract would be for 2 years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The costs for drawing up the contract, advertising and postage will be absorbed within the agencies budget.

FISCAL NOTE 7:EE/1



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-26-83

Approved by Comm.
on Appropriations

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10 the general fund ~~\$252,500~~ \$197,000 to the department of
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SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

That House Bill No. 405 be amended as follows:

1. Page 3, line 10.

Strike: "197,000"

Insert: "94,800"

2. Page 3, line 11.

Following: "for"

Strike: "the biennium ending June 30, 1985"

Insert: "one year"

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