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INTRODUCED BY Bergene 1 Z 3 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DEFINING DAY-CARE COST 5 REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING \$250,000 THEREFOR; AMENDING SECTION 53-4-201, MCA; AND 6 7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE." 8 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 10 Section 1. Section 53-4-201, MCA, is amended to read: "53-4-201. Definitions. (1) (a) The term "dependent 11 12 child", for public assistance purposes, means: (i) a child under the age of 18; or 13 (ii) a person under the age of 19 who is a student 14 15 under the regulations prescribed by the department. 16 (b) The child ((a)(i) or (a)(ii) above) must be deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, 17 continued absence from the home, or physical or mental 18 incapacity of a parent and be living with his father, 19 grandmother, brother, sister. 20 mother, grandfather, 21 stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, 22 aunt, nephew, niece, or first cousin in a place of residence 23 maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their 24 own home. 25 (2) The term =aid to dependent children[#] means money

1 payments with respect to or payments made for medical care 2 in behalf of a dependent child or dependent children. including money payments or payments made for medical care 3 4 for any month to meet the needs of a relative with whom a 5 dependent child is living if money payments have been made with respect to such child for such month. The term shall 6 also include emergency assistance to families with children 7 8 as provided by the federal Social Security Act. (3) The term "day-care cost reimbursement" means money 9 10 payments with respect to or payments made for day care in behalf of a dependent child which is necessitated by the 11 12 essential absence of the person with whom the dependent 13 child_is_living under_subsection (1)(b) for purposes of job 14 skill training or education leading to an employable skill under the work incentive program approved by the department 15 16 of labor. 17 (3)(4) "Department" means the department of social and 18 rehabilitation services provided for in Title 2, chapter 15, 19 part 22.

20 <u>(4)(5)</u> "Public assistance" or "assistance" means any 21 type of monetary or other assistance furnished under this 22 title to a person by a state or county agency, regardless of 23 the original source of the assistance."

24Section 2. Section 53-4-231. HCA1 is amended to read:25"53-4+231. Eligibility. (1) Assistance shall be

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1 granted under this part to any dependent child, as defined in 53-4-201, who is in need of such assistance. 2 (2) Aid to dependent children assistance payments may 3 be made to a needy pregnant woman with no other children 4 receiving such payments. Payments may begin no earlier than 5 the third month prior to the month in which the child is 6 7 expected to be born. 8 (3) Day-care cost reimbursement not to exceed \$140 a 9 month for each dependent child may be made to a person with whom a dependent child is living." 10 11 NEW_SECTION. Section 3. Appropriation. There is 12 appropriated from the general fund to the department of 13 social and rehabilitation services \$250,000 for the biennium 14 ending June 30, 1985, for the purpose of day-care cost reimbursement authorized by Title 53, chapter 4, part 2. 15 16 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. This act is

effective July 1, 1983.

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