

HOUSE BILL NO. 837

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1 House BILL NO. 837
2 INTRODUCED BY J. Brown
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EXPANDED
5 DAY-CARE ASSISTANCE ON A SLIDING SCALE; AND APPROPRIATING
6 FUNDS."
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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
9 Section 1. Expanded day-care assistance. (1) In
10 addition to the payments authorized under 53-4-514 and
11 available federal and state funding, the department of
12 social and rehabilitation services shall pay to a licensed
13 day-care facility, for each child eligible to receive public
14 financial support, a portion of the total cost of day-care
15 as determined under subsection (2).
16 (2) The level of expanded day-care assistance provided
17 under this section decreases as family income increases
18 according to the following criteria:
19 (a) A family whose family income is 150% of the AFDC
20 level is eligible for 100% of day-care costs.
21 (b) A family whose family income is equal to or above
22 75% of the state's median income for families of like size
23 is not eligible to receive expanded day-care assistance.
24 (c) A family whose family income is between the levels
25 established under (a) and (b) is eligible to receive

1 expanded day-care assistance according to a 12-step
2 progressive scale establishing income brackets and support
3 levels as nearly equal as possible.
4 (3) The department shall by rule establish an expanded
5 day-care assistance schedule to implement this section in
6 accordance with the provisions of the Montana Administrative
7 Procedure Act.
8 (4) The department may transfer money between programs
9 to effect the purposes of this section.
10 (5) The department may establish a pilot program in
11 limited areas to demonstrate the costs and benefits of the
12 expanded day-care assistance program.
13 Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated
14 \$200,000 from the general fund to the department of social
15 and rehabilitation services for the purposes of section 1.
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