HOUSE BILL NO. 927

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INTRODUCED BY Durgne 1 2 3 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE 5 ADDITIONAL MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR BASIC CHILD CARE

SUBSTITUTE CARE IN LICENSED GROUP HOMES."

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WHEREAS, present appropriations to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services are woefully inadequate to provide even the minimum wage to persons providing basic care to children in substitute care; and

WHEREAS, to fully fund such care would cost about \$33 a day per child, but all parties involved recognize the fiscal restraints the state must operate under; and

WHEREAS, the viability of providing such care, which is so necessary for the unfortunate young and so important to their future, requires the additional \$25 a day provided in this appropriation.

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

Section 1. Appropriation for basic child care. The following funds are appropriated to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, in addition to other funds for substitute care, for benefits and claims, at an additional

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1	\$25 a day per child, fo	or basic child care	through substitute
2	care in licensed group	homes:	
3		Fiscal Year 1986	Fiscal Year 1987
4	State general fund	\$197,186	\$196,748
5	Federal funds	76,264	76,830
6	County funds	57,248	57,120
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8	Total	\$330,698	\$330,698
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