

HB 695 INTRODUCED BY KEENAN, ET AL.
PROVIDE FOR EXPANDED DAYCARE ASSISTANCE; AUTHORIZE
APPROPRIATION

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1 House BILL NO. 695
 2 INTRODUCED BY Keena Jacobson Clerk 3/14/89
 3 Yelloutail Hoffey J. Brown
 4 Richard Thompson Programs Services
 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EXPANDED
 6 DAY-CARE ASSISTANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION."

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

8 Section 1. Expanded day-care assistance. (1) In
 9 addition to the payments authorized under 53-4-514 and
 10 available federal funding, the department shall pay to a
 11 licensed day-care facility, for each child eligible to
 12 receive public financial support, a portion of the total
 13 cost of day care as determined under subsection (2).

14 (2) The level of expanded day-care assistance provided
 15 under [this act] must decrease as family income increases,
 16 according to the following criteria:

17 (a) A family whose income is 150% of the AFDC level is
 18 eligible for 100% of day-care costs.

19 (b) A family whose income is equal to or above 55% of
 20 the state's median income for families of like size is not
 21 eligible to receive expanded day-care assistance.

22 (c) A family whose income is between the levels
 23 established under subsections (2)(a) and (2)(b) is eligible
 24 to receive expanded day-care assistance based on a 12-step
 25 progressive scale ranking income brackets and support

1 levels. The department shall develop the 12-step scale in
 2 accordance with the Montana Administrative Procedure Act.

3 (3) Expanded day care is available to an individual
 4 and an employer for the purpose of hiring an employee
 5 eligible under department guidelines. This day-care
 6 assistance will provide for the gradual assumption of the
 7 total cost of day care by the parents of eligible children.

8 Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated
 9 \$386,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 1989, from the
 10 general fund to the department of social and rehabilitation
 11 services to provide expanded day-care assistance by paying
 12 day-care costs to licensed day-care facilities for each
 13 child eligible to receive public financial support at the
 14 level established in accordance with [section 1] and
 15 53-4-514.

16 Section 3. Transfer of funds. The department of social
 17 and rehabilitation services may transfer money between
 18 programs to affect the purposes of this act.

19 Section 4. Report. The department of social and
 20 rehabilitation services shall report to the 51st legislature
 21 on the costs and benefits of this program.

22 Section 5. Extension of authority. Any existing
 23 authority of the department of social and rehabilitation
 24 services to make rules on the subject of the provisions of
 25 this act is extended to the provisions of this act.



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1 Section 6. Codification instruction. Section 1 is
2 intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 53,
3 chapter 4, part 5, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter
4 4, part 5, apply to section 1.

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