

HB 908 INTRODUCED BY KEENAN  
REQUIRE PAYMENT OF PREVAILING WAGES TO PROFESSIONAL  
STAFF AT INSTITUTIONS  
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3/30 REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS  
3/30 FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED  
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1 House BILL NO. 908  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS TO PAY PROFESSIONAL STAFF AT  
6 STATE INSTITUTIONS THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES PAID TO  
7 PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED IN WORK OF A SIMILAR CHARACTER AT  
8 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY OR LOCALITY IN WHICH  
9 THE STATE INSTITUTION IS LOCATED; TO PROVIDE FOR AN  
10 APPROPRIATION OF MONEY; TO GRANT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 INSTITUTIONS AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RULES; AND PROVIDING AN  
12 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

15 Section 1. Definitions. As used in [this act], unless  
16 the context requires otherwise, the following definitions  
17 apply:

18 (1) "Department" means the department of institutions  
19 created in 2-15-2301.

20 (2) "Health care facility" has the meaning provided in  
21 50-5-101.

22 (3) "Prevailing rate of wages" means the statistical  
23 average rate of wages, including group benefits and pension  
24 contributions, paid to professional employees of health care  
25 facilities in the county or locality in which the state

1 institution is located.  
2 (4) "Professional staff" means:  
3 (a) a medical doctor;  
4 (b) a psychologist;  
5 (c) a registered nurse;  
6 (d) a licensed practical nurse; and  
7 (e) other trained professionals requiring a license to  
8 provide health care services.

9 (5) "State institution" means any institution  
10 described in 53-1-202 that provides health services, medical  
11 treatment, or nursing, rehabilitative, or preventive care to  
12 any person.

13 Section 2. Payment of wages to professional staff at  
14 state institutions. The department of institutions shall pay  
15 professional staff at state institutions the prevailing rate  
16 of wages paid to professionals employed in work of a similar  
17 character at health care facilities in the county or  
18 locality in which the institution is located.

19 Section 3. Department to adopt rules. The department  
20 of institutions shall by rule establish the prevailing rate  
21 of wages in the county or locality in which state  
22 institutions are located. The department shall undertake to  
23 keep and maintain copies of all information from which the  
24 prevailing wage rate is determined under [this act].

25 Section 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the



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1 department of institutions from the general fund the sum of  
2 \$\_\_\_\_\_ to carry out the provisions of this act.  
3 Section 5. Effective date. This act is effective July  
4 1, 1987.

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