SENATE BILL NO. 361

INTRODUCED BY HALLIGAN

BY REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 18, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.
FEBRUARY 20, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
	STATEMENT OF INTENT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 21, 1987	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 23, 1987	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 24, 1987	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 25, 1987	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 48; NOES, 2.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.
IN	THE HOUSE
MARCH 3, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.
MARCH 23, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 28, 1987	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 30, 1987	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 98; NOES, 0.
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE MONTANA YOUTH COURT ACT; CREATING A CATEGORY OF "EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED YOUTH" AND SUBSTITUTING THE CATEGORY OF "YOUTH IN NEED OF SERVICES" FOR "YOUTH IN NEED OF SUPERVISION" FOR PURPOSES OF THE YOUTH COURT ACT; AUTHORIZING YOUTH COURT JUDGES TO APPOINT ASSESSMENT AND SERVICE PLANNING COMMITTEES WITH AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF YOUTH FOR SERVICES AND TO ESTABLISH CASE PLANS FOR YOUTH IN NEED OF SERVICES; AND AMENDING SECTION 41-5-103, MCA."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Youth assessment committee -rules. (1) In each judicial district, the youth court judge
shall appoint a youth assessment committee. The members of
the committee must be willing to work without compensation
and shall include:

- 21 (a) a psychologist, psychiatrist, or licensed social
 22 worker;
- 23 (b) a person employed by a school district within the 24 judicial district and who is trained in special education; 25 and



- (c) a caseworker who is a representative of the agency that referred the youth for consideration and who is responsible for presenting the case to the committee for eligibility review.
- (2) When a youth appears to be inadequately served by any single agency, the youth assessment committee will be convened to review the case to determine if the youth meets the definitions of an emotionally disturbed youth and a youth in need of services. If the committee determines that a youth meets the definitions of an emotionally disturbed youth and a youth in need of services, the committee shall refer the case to a service planning committee as defined in (section 2).
- (3) A parent or parent representative must be invited to attend any meeting where the eligibility of his child will be discussed.
- 17 (4) The department shall adopt rules necessary to
 18 carry out the purposes of this section.
- 19 (5) Because of the individual privacy involved,
 20 meetings and reports of the committee and information on an
 21 individual's case that is shared by committee members is
 22 confidential and subject to the confidentiality requirements
 23 of the department.
- 24 (6) The procedures established by this section must be 25 used only in those cases in which state, local, and private

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agencies are unable to provide satisfactory services through
informal agreements.

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- NEW SECTION. Section 2. Service planning committee -rules. (1) In each judicial district, the youth court judge
 shall appoint a service planning committee. The members of
 the committee must be willing to work without compensation.
 The committee must be composed of not less than five
 members, including but not limited to:
- 9 (a) an appointed representative of the youth court;
- 10 (b) an appointed representative of the department;
- 11 (c) a psychologist, psychiatrist, or licensed social 12 worker who is an appointed representative of a regional 13 mental health center that serves a community within the 14 judicial district;
 - (d) an appointed representative of the school district in which the youth's residence is located; and
- (e) a parent or representative of the parent, if available and willing to participate.
 - (2) The youth court judge shall appoint a chairman of the committee from the persons listed in subsection (1)(a), (1)(b), or (1)(c).
- 22 (3) A representative from any other agency may be
 23 invited to attend any meeting at the discretion of the
 24 committee.
- 25 (4) If a youth has been determined, either by the

- youth assessment committee or the youth court judge, to be a youth in need of services, the service planning committee shall develop a case plan and assign case management responsibilities.
 - (5) The committee and the case manager must review each case at least every 6 months until the committee determines that the youth no longer meets the definitions of an emotionally disturbed youth and a youth in need of services.
- 10 (6) The department shall adopt rules necessary to
 11 carry out the purposes of this section.
- 12 (7) Because of the individual privacy involved,
 13 meetings and reports of the committee and information on an
 14 individual's case that is shared by committee members are
 15 confidential and subject to the confidentiality requirements
 16 of the department.
- NEW SECTION. Section 3. Agencies to cooperate. The department of institutions, the department of social and rehabilitation services, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall cooperate on all aspects of each agency's respective programs for emotionally disturbed youth.
- Section 4. Section 41-5-103, MCA, is amended to read:
 "41-5-103. Definitions. For the purposes of the
 Montana Youth Court Act, unless otherwise stated the

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following definitions apply:

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- 2 (1) "Adult" means an individual who is 18 years of age 3 or older.
- 4 (2) "Agency" means any entity of state or local 5 government authorized by law to be responsible for the care 6 or rehabilitation of youth.
- 7 (3) "Commit" means to transfer to legal custody.
 - (4) "Court", when used without further qualification, means the youth court of the district court.
- 10 (5) "Foster home" means a private residence approved
 11 by the court for placement of a youth.
- 12 (6) "Guardianship" means the status created and 13 defined by law between a youth and an adult with the 14 reciprocal rights, duties, and responsibilities.
- 15 (7) "Judge", when used without further qualification,
 16 means the judge of the youth court.
- 17 (8) (a) "Legal custody" means the legal status created

 18 by order of a court of competent jurisdiction that gives a

 19 person the right and duty to:
 - (i) have physical custody of the youth:
- 21 (ii) determine with whom the youth shall live and for 22 what period;
- 23 (iii) protect, train, and discipline the youth; and
- (iv) provide the youth with food, shelter, education,
 and ordinary medical care.

- 1 (b) An individual granted legal custody of a youth
 2 shall personally exercise his rights and duties as guardian
 3 unless otherwise authorized by the court entering the order.
- 4 (9) "Parent" means the natural or adoptive parent but
 5 does not include a person whose parental rights have been
 6 judicially terminated, nor does it include the putative
 7 father of an illegitimate youth unless his paternity is
 8 established by an adjudication or by other clear and
 9 convincing proof.
- 10 (10) "Youth" means an individual who is less than 18
 11 years of age without regard to sex or emancipation.
- 12 (11) "Youth court" means the court established pursuant
 13 to this chapter to hear all proceedings in which a youth is
 14 alleged to be a delinquent youth, a youth in need of
 15 supervision services, or a youth in need of care and
 16 includes the youth court, the judge, and probation officers.
- 17 (12) "Delinquent youth" means a youth:
- (a) who has committed an offense which, if committedby an adult, would constitute a criminal offense;
- 20 (b) who, having been placed on probation as a
 21 delinquent youth or a youth in need of supervision services,
 22 violates any condition of his probation.
- 23 (13) "Youth in need of supervision services" means:
- 24 (a) a youth who commits an offense prohibited by law25 which, if committed by an adult, would not constitute a

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1	criminal offense, including but not limited to a youth who:
2	(a)(i) violates any Montana municipal or state law
3	regarding use of alcoholic beverages by minors;
4	$ ag{b}(ii)$ habitually disobeys the reasonable and lawful
5	demands of his parents or guardian or is ungovernable and
- 6	beyond their control;
7	<pre>(c)(iii) being subject to compulsory school attendance,</pre>
8	is habitually truant from school; or
9	(b) a youth who:
10	(i) is emotionally disturbed as defined in this
11	section;
12	(ii) meets the provisions of 41-3-102 as a youth in
13	need of care but whom the youth court in its discretion
14	chooses to regard as a youth in need of services; or
15	<pre>(d)(iii) has committed any of the acts of a delinquent</pre>
16	youth but whom the youth court in its discretion chooses to
17	regard as a youth in need of supervision services.
18	(14) "Youth in need of care" means a youth as defined
19	in 41-3-102.
20	(15) "Custodian" means a person other than a parent or
21	guardian to whom legal custody of the youth has been given
22	but does not include a person who has only physical custody.
23	(16) "Necessary parties" include the youth, his
24	parents, guardian, custodian, or spouse.

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residential facility for the rehabilitation of delinquent youth such as Pine Hills school in Miles City, and Mountain 2 View school in Helena.

- (18) "Shelter care" means the temporary substitute care 4 of youth in physically unrestricting facilities.
- 6 (19) "Detention" means the temporary substitute care of youth in physically restricting facilities.
 - (20) "Restitution" means payments in cash to the victim or with services to the victim or the general community when these payments are made under the jurisdiction of a youth court proceeding.
 - (21) "Substitute care" means full-time care of youth in a residential setting for the purpose of providing food, shelter, security and safety, quidance, direction, and if necessary, treatment to youth who are removed from or without the care and supervision of their parents or quardian. Nothing in this definition is intended to include juvenile correctional facilities, evaluation facilities, mental health facilities and services, and aftercare programs operated by the department of institutions.
- (22) "Emotionally disturbed youth" means a youth 21 22 determined by a psychologist, psychiatrist, or licensed social worker to have an identifiable and substantial 23 impairment, evident for a reasonable length of time, that is characterized by dysfunction in any of the following areas: 25

(17) "State youth correctional facility"

- 1 (a) relationships;
- 2 (b) behaviors;
- 3 (c) cognition; or
- 4 (d) education."
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 5. Reference change. In the
- 6 following provisions of the Montana Code Annotated,
- 7 references to "youth in need of supervision" or "youths in
- 8 need of supervision" and related references such as "child
- 9 in need of supervision" are changed to "youth in need of
- 10 services", "youths in need of services", or "child in need
- 11 of services": 41-3-1101, 41-3-1103, 41-3-1106, 41-3-1113,
- 12 41-3-1114, 41-3-1122, 41-3-1123, 41-3-1132, 41-5-203,
- 13 41-5-204, 41-5-301, 41-5-303, 41-5-304, 41-5-306, 41-5-501,
- 15 41-5-601, 41-5-802, 45-5-624, and 53-2-201. The code

41-5-511, 41-5-516, 41-5-521 through 41-5-524, 41-5-533,

- 16 commissioner shall conform internal references and grammar
- 17 to these changes.

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- 18 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Codification instruction.
- 19 Sections 1 through 3 are intended to be codified as an
- 20 integral part of Title 41, chapter 5, and the provisions of
- 21 Title 41, chapter 5, apply to sections 1 through 3.
- 22 NEW SECTION. Section 7. Severability. If a part of
- 23 this act is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from
- 24 the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of this act is
- 25 invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains

- 1 in effect in all valid applications that are severable from
- 2 the invalid applications.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB361, third reading copy.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act requiring the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to develop a plan for providing services to emotionally disturbed children; defining "emotionally disturbed child"; and amending Section 53-4-101, MCA.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. The study committee will serve without compensation so there will be no costs to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for salaries, per diem or travel costs.
- 2. Support costs to the study committee will be provided from the current level budgets of the governmental entities involved: a) SRS
 - b) Department of Institutions
 - c) Office of Public Instruction
 - d) a Youth Court

FISCAL IMPACT:

All costs will be assumed by current level budgets of the governmental entities involved.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

The long-term fiscal impact of the committee's proposals will depend on future legislative action regarding those recommendations.

DAVID L. HUNTER, BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

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15	A PLAN FOR PROVIDING SERVICES TO EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED
16	CHILDREN; DEFINING "EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILD"; AND
17	AMENDING SECTION 53-4-101, MCA."
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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22	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Emotionally disturbed
23	children plan study committee. (1) The department
24	shall develop a comprehensive plan for services for
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- l legislature and each regular session of the legislature
- 2 thereafter. The department shall recommend a comprehensive
- 3 service delivery system for emotionally disturbed children,
- 4 including a plan for gradual implementation of the
- 5 comprehensive service delivery system.
 - (2) The plan must identify:
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- (3) "Department" means the department of social and rehabilitation services provided for in Title 2, chapter 15, part 22.
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- 2 (b) The nationally recognized classification system
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 4 by rules established by the department.
- 5 (4)(5) "Public assistance" or "assistance" means any 6 type of monetary or other assistance furnished under this 7 title to a person by a state or county agency, regardless of 8 the original source of the assistance."
- 9 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.
 10 Section 1 is intended 's be codified as an integral part of
 11 Title 53, chapter 4, part 1, and the provisions of Title 53,
 12 chapter 4, part 1, apply to section 1.

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- 1 (A) relationships;
- 2 (B) behavior;
- 3 (C) cognition; or
- 4 (D) education.
- 5 (b) The nationally recognized classification system
 6 referred to in subsection (4)(a)(i) must be one recognized
 7 by rules established by the department.
- 8 (4)(5) "Public assistance" or "assistance" means any
 9 type of monetary or other assistance furnished under this
 10 title to a person by a state or county agency, regardless of
 11 the original source of the assistance."
- NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.

 Section 1 is intended to be codified as an integral part of

 Title 53, chapter 4, part 1, and the provisions of Title 53,

 chapter 4, part 1, apply to section 1.

-End-

4. Page 3, line 18. Following: "system"

Insert: "or as defined in 20-7-401(4)"

