

HOUSE BILL 692

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1 House BILL NO. 692
2 INTRODUCED BY Hand
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIFIED
5 SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT AND EXTENDED SERVICES PROGRAM FOR
6 PERSONS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND
7 PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
10 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Definitions. As used in [this
11 act], unless the context requires otherwise, the following
12 definitions apply:
13 (1) "Cooperative agreement" means a memorandum of
14 agreement between participating funded agencies to ensure
15 collaboration in a plan to provide supported employment and
16 extended services to eligible individuals with severe
17 disabilities.
18 (2) "Eligible individual" means an individual with
19 severe disabilities who:
20 (a) is eligible for vocational rehabilitation services
21 under Title 53, chapter 7, part 1, 2, or 3, or Title 53,
22 chapter 20, part 2; and
23 (b) has experienced intermittent or interrupted
24 competitive employment and is in need of continuous or
25 periodic skill training on or off the site of employment.

1 (3) "Extended services" means continuous or periodic
2 job skill training on or off the site of employment and
3 those related support services necessary to allow a person
4 with severe disabilities to engage in and maintain
5 employment.
6 (4) "Participating funded agencies" means the
7 department of institutions, provided for in 2-15-2301, and
8 the department of social and rehabilitation services,
9 provided for in 2-15-2201.
10 (5) "Severe disabilities" means:
11 (a) an employment handicap as defined in 53-7-101;
12 (b) a physical or mental disability as defined in
13 53-7-202;
14 (c) the condition of a person described in 53-7-301; or
15 (d) developmental disabilities as defined in 53-20-202.
16 (6) "Supported employment" means competitive work in an
17 integrated work setting with ongoing support services for
18 individuals with severe disabilities for whom competitive
19 employment has been intermittent or interrupted as a result
20 of severe disabilities.
21 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Unified supported employment
22 and extended services program. There is a unified supported
23 employment and extended services program. The purpose of the
24 program is to provide supported employment and extended
25 services to eligible individuals who have severe

1 disabilities.

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2 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Cooperative agreements.

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3 Participating funded agencies shall negotiate and enter into
4 an annual cooperative agreement to administer the program
5 established in [section 2]. Each cooperative agreement must
6 provide for:

7 (1) a coordinated interagency effort that ensures
8 smooth and efficient delivery of supported employment and
9 extended services to eligible individuals; and

10 (2) an efficient use of available resources, including
11 interagency training and support funds.

12 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Extension of authority. Any
13 existing authority to make rules on the subject of the
14 provisions of [this act] is extended to the provisions of
15 [this act].

16 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Appropriation. There is
17 appropriated from the general fund the following amounts for
18 the agencies listed below to implement [sections 2 and 3]:

19 <u>Agency</u>	<u>FY 90</u>	<u>FY 91</u>
20 Department of social and	\$185,531	406,594
21 rehabilitation services		
22 Department of institutions	192,500	350,000

23 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective dates. (1) [Section
24 4 and this section] are effective on passage and approval.

25 (2) [Sections 1 through 3 and 5] are effective July 1,