

SENATE BILL 93

Introduced by McLane, et al.

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1 *Senate* BILL NO. *93*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Mc Lane Norman Richard E. Manning*
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT INTERIM SUBCOMMITTEE ON WELFARE
 4 *Adrian J. Bradley*

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE PAYMENT OF
 6 GENERAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE IN STATE-ASSUMED COUNTIES BY
 7 VOUCHERS OR VENDOR PAYMENTS DURING THE INITIAL 30 DAYS OF
 8 ASSISTANCE AND TO ALLOW SUCH PAYMENT IN ALL COUNTIES AT
 9 OTHER DETERMINABLE TIMES; AMENDING SECTION 53-3-309, MCA;
 10 AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN
 11 APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

14 **Section 1.** Section 53-3-309, MCA, is amended to read:

15 "53-3-309. Form of relief. (1) (a) The choice as to
 16 the form or forms of relief provided is at the discretion of
 17 the county welfare department in counties without
 18 state-assumed welfare services ~~or--the--department--if--the~~
 19 ~~state--has--assumed--responsibility--for--the--welfare--services--in~~
 20 ~~a--county.~~

21 (b) Except as provided in subsection (2), the choice
 22 as to the form or forms of relief provided is at the
 23 discretion of the department in counties with state-assumed
 24 welfare services.

25 (c) The county or department may use vouchers or

1 vendor payments rather than cash payments if the county
 2 welfare department or the department finds that:

3 (i) a recipient is dissipating general relief
 4 assistance allowances instead of using them for the intended
 5 purposes; or

6 (ii) for any other reason, it is better for the
 7 recipient and his family to receive the allowances through
 8 vouchers or vendor payments.

9 (2) In a county with state-assumed welfare services,
 10 all general relief assistance disbursements for the initial
 11 30 days of assistance must be by vouchers or vendor payments
 12 that subsequently must be reimbursed.

13 (3) (a) A voucher or vendor payment must be written in
 14 a form that allows the goods and services to be provided by
 15 any regular vendor in such goods and services.

16 (b) A voucher or vendor payment may not be used to
 17 purchase or obtain alcohol, tobacco, pet food, or any other
 18 item that the department by rule disallows."

19 **Section 2.** Extension of authority. Any existing
 20 authority to make rules on the subject of the provisions of
 21 [this act] is extended to the provisions of [this act].

22 **Section 3.** Effective date -- applicability. [This act]
 23 is effective on passage and approval and applies to
 24 eligibility and grant determinations beginning July 1, 1989.

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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 SB093, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to require payment of general relief assistance in state-assumed counties by vouchers or vendor payments during the initial 30 days of assistance and to allow such payment in all counties at other determinable times; amending Section 53-3-309, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date and an applicability date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Two percent of the potential general assistance recipients will be deterred from applying for general assistance.
2. The unduplicated number of persons receiving general assistance in FY88 was 5,081.
3. 102 cases will not receive GA in FY90 and 106 cases will not receive GA in FY91.
4. The average monthly payment is \$214 per case.
5. The proposal will require six half-time accounting clerks Grade 7, Step 2 to track additional vouchers, reconcile payments, make payments, and record unused vouchers.
6. Additional paper for vouchers and accounting records will cost \$5,000 per year.
7. Funding will be 100% state funds as this program will apply to state-assumed counties.

FISCAL IMPACT:Expenditure Impact:

	Current Law	FY90 Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	FY91 Proposed Law	Difference
<u>SRS</u>						
Personal Services	\$ 8,725,243	\$ 8,771,218	\$ 45,975	\$ 8,741,650	\$ 8,787,625	\$ 45,975
Operating Expenses	1,224,964	1,229,964	5,000	1,266,416	1,271,416	5,000
Benefits	5,292,468	5,270,647	(21,821)	5,504,167	5,481,483	(22,684)
Total	\$15,242,675	\$15,271,829	\$ 29,154	\$15,512,233	\$15,540,524	\$ 28,291
<u>Funding:</u>						
General Fund	\$15,242,675	\$15,271,829	\$ 29,154	\$15,512,233	\$15,540,524	\$ 28,291
Federal Funds	-0-	3,272,911	3,272,911			
State Special Funds	-0-	239,000	239,000			
County Funds	-0-	\$ 31,040	\$ 31,040			
Total	\$ -0-	\$4,140,084	\$ 140,084			



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TECHNICAL NOTES:

The executive budget request includes \$253,240 general fund, \$57,253 state special revenue funds, \$32,597 county funds and \$ 1,719,100 federal funds to implement the JOBS program and extended child care and medical assistance benefits required by federal welfare reform beginning July 1, 1989 (FY90). The effective date for SB070 is July 1, 1990.

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Revised Fiscal Note for SB093, as introduced

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