

SENATE BILL 35

Introduced by Eck

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## 1 SENATE BILL NO. 35

2 INTRODUCED BY ECK

3 BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT INTERIM

4 SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXPANDING THE MISSION  
7 OF THE MONTANA CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND TO FUND SERVICES THAT  
8 PROMOTE THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN  
9 AND THEIR FAMILIES; STAGGERING THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
10 OF THE MONTANA CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND BOARD; REQUIRING THE  
11 BOARD TO EMPLOY STAFF TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES; REQUIRING THE  
12 BOARD TO COMPILE AND DISSEMINATE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE  
13 WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE STATE; AMENDING  
14 SECTIONS 2-15-2402 AND 41-3-701, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN  
15 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

18 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-2402, MCA, is amended to read:

19 "2-15-2402. Montana children's trust fund board. (1)  
20 There is a Montana children's trust fund board, consisting  
21 of seven members appointed by the governor, with consent of  
22 the senate, and serving staggered 3-year terms. Two board  
23 members must be chosen from state government agencies  
24 involved in education and social work services relating to  
25 children. The governor shall ensure geographic distribution

1 of appointees.

2 (2) The board is allocated to the department of family  
3 services for administrative purposes only, as provided in  
4 2-15-121. The board may shall employ staff to carry out its  
5 duties as described in Title 41, chapter 3, part 7."

6 **Section 2.** Section 41-3-701, MCA, is amended to read:

7 "41-3-701. Child abuse and neglect prevention program  
8 and healthy family development programs. (1) The Montana  
9 children's trust fund board, provided for in 2-15-2402,  
10 shall use the money in the children's trust fund account  
11 established by 41-3-702 to fund services and activities  
12 operated by nonprofit private or public community-based  
13 educational and service organizations, which services and  
14 activities relate solely to the following purposes:

15 (a) programs for the prevention of child abuse and  
16 neglect;

17 (b) promotion of prevention and education programs that  
18 will strengthen the healthy development and well-being of  
19 children and their families; and

20 (c) encouragement of local community support of  
21 effective programs designated in subsections (1)(a) and  
22 (1)(b).

23 (2) In administering the child abuse and neglect  
24 prevention program programs and the healthy family  
25 development programs, the board shall:

1 (a) develop a state plan, priorities for funded  
2 services and activities, and criteria for the receipt of  
3 program funds;

4 (b) monitor the expenditure of funds by organizations  
5 receiving funds under this section;

6 (c) evaluate the effectiveness of services and  
7 activities funded under this section; and

8 (d) adopt rules necessary to implement ~~this section and~~  
9 41-3-703, and 41-3-704, and this section; and

10 (e) compile an annual written report on the indicators  
11 of child and family well-being in the state and disseminate  
12 the results of the report to the legislative and executive  
13 branches of state government and to the public through the  
14 various news media in the state. The board is encouraged to  
15 request information on the indicators of child and family  
16 well-being that may relate to the mission of and the data  
17 available from the departments of social and rehabilitation  
18 services, health and environmental sciences, labor and  
19 industry, justice, and corrections and human services, the  
20 office of public instruction, and private providers and  
21 interested organizations."

22 **NEW SECTION. Section 3.** Effective date. [This act] is  
23 effective July 1, 1993.

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## STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB0035, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A bill expanding the mission of the Montana Children's Trust Fund to fund services that promote the healthy development and well-being of children and their families.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The board is encouraged to request information on the indicators of child and family well-being from SRS. The assumption is that SRS will have these statistical indicators readily available.
2. The Department of Family Services is required to provide staff for the administration of the Montana Children's Trust Fund. Staffing required will be: 1.00 FTE Grade 14 Program Officer; 0.50 FTE Grade 09 Clerical
3. Increased personal costs will be: Program Officer, \$31,788 and \$31,821; Clerical, \$10,261 and \$10,271.
4. Additional equipment will be needed in FY94: one computer @ \$3,500; two desks @ \$1,000; and two chairs @ \$500 (\$5,000).
5. Additional budget will be needed for printing and distribution cost. Estimated are 400 copies each fiscal year at \$1.80 per copy. This cost is \$720 in FY94 and \$720 in FY95. These are additional operating costs.
6. The bill will not generate any new revenue; therefore, \$90,581 of the funds currently recommended for local agencies will be spent on this expansion.

FISCAL IMPACT:Expenditures:

	FY94			FY95		
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
Personal Services	0	42,049	42,049	0	42,092	42,092
Operating Costs	4,184	4,904	720	4,301	5,021	720
Equipment	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0
Local Agencies	0	7,231	(47,769)	55,000	12,188	(42,812)
Total	\$59,184	\$59,184	0	\$59,301	\$59,301	0

Revenues:

	FY94			FY95		
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
Child Abuse (02)	53,751	53,751	0	53,868	53,868	0
Federal Grant (03)	5,433	5,433	0	5,433	5,433	0
Total	59,184	59,184	0	59,301	59,301	0

Net Impact: None

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DOROTHY ECK, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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Fiscal Note for SB0035, as introduced

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