

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING FAIM RECIPIENTS TO MEET WORK
5 REQUIREMENTS IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING BENEFITS; ESTABLISHING MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM
6 SANCTIONS FOR FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN OR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS
7 OF THE FAIM PROJECT; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 53-4-706 AND 53-4-717, MCA."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Section 53-4-706, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"53-4-706. Participation requirements.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
13 department may require individuals to participate in the employment and training program as a condition
14 of their eligibility for FAIM financial assistance. If the department requires individuals to participate, they
15 must be required to participate immediately upon receipt of benefits.

16 (2) To the extent that the program is available and that state resources permit, the department
17 shall require recipients of FAIM financial assistance who are participating in the pathways component of
18 the FAIM project to participate in the program if the department determines that it is an appropriate activity
19 for the recipient and includes participation as a condition of the recipient's family investment agreement."

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21 **Section 2.** Section 53-4-717, MCA, is amended to read:

22 **"53-4-717. Sanctions.** (1) If an individual receiving FAIM financial assistance under the FAIM
23 project is required to participate in the employment and training program as a condition of the individual's
24 family investment agreement and fails without good cause to participate, the individual must be sanctioned
25 in accordance with rules established by the department as follows:

26 (a) The first sanction is, at a minimum, termination of 1 month of the full grant amount.

27 (b) The maximum sanction imposed may be lifetime ineligibility.

28 (2) For noncompliance with child support provisions, the sanction is termination of the full grant
29 amount until the recipient complies.

30 (3) Other areas of noncompliance that may lead to sanctions, as provided in subsection (1), are

