

1 act] are both passed and approved, [section 1(4) of this act] must read:

2 "(4) (a) The department and the department of corrections shall report to the office of substance abuse
3 prevention and treatment prior to making any commitment of funds, including signing a contract, for a chemical
4 dependency or mental health prevention, intervention, or treatment program and shall report on how the
5 proposed program implements the continuum of care strategic plan, ~~fulfills the results of the needs assessment~~
6 ~~and includes plans for ongoing evaluation~~ and any recommendations for improving the development of
7 interagency cooperation. The department report to the office of substance abuse prevention and treatment must
8 demonstrate that the proposal or contract supports a statewide continuum of care.

9 (b) The office of substance abuse prevention and treatment, the department, and the department of
10 corrections shall report jointly and regularly to the appropriate legislative interim committees on the progress of
11 the statewide strategic plan and continuum of care."

12 (2) If House Bill No. 31 is not approved, the bracketed language in [section 1 of this act] is void.

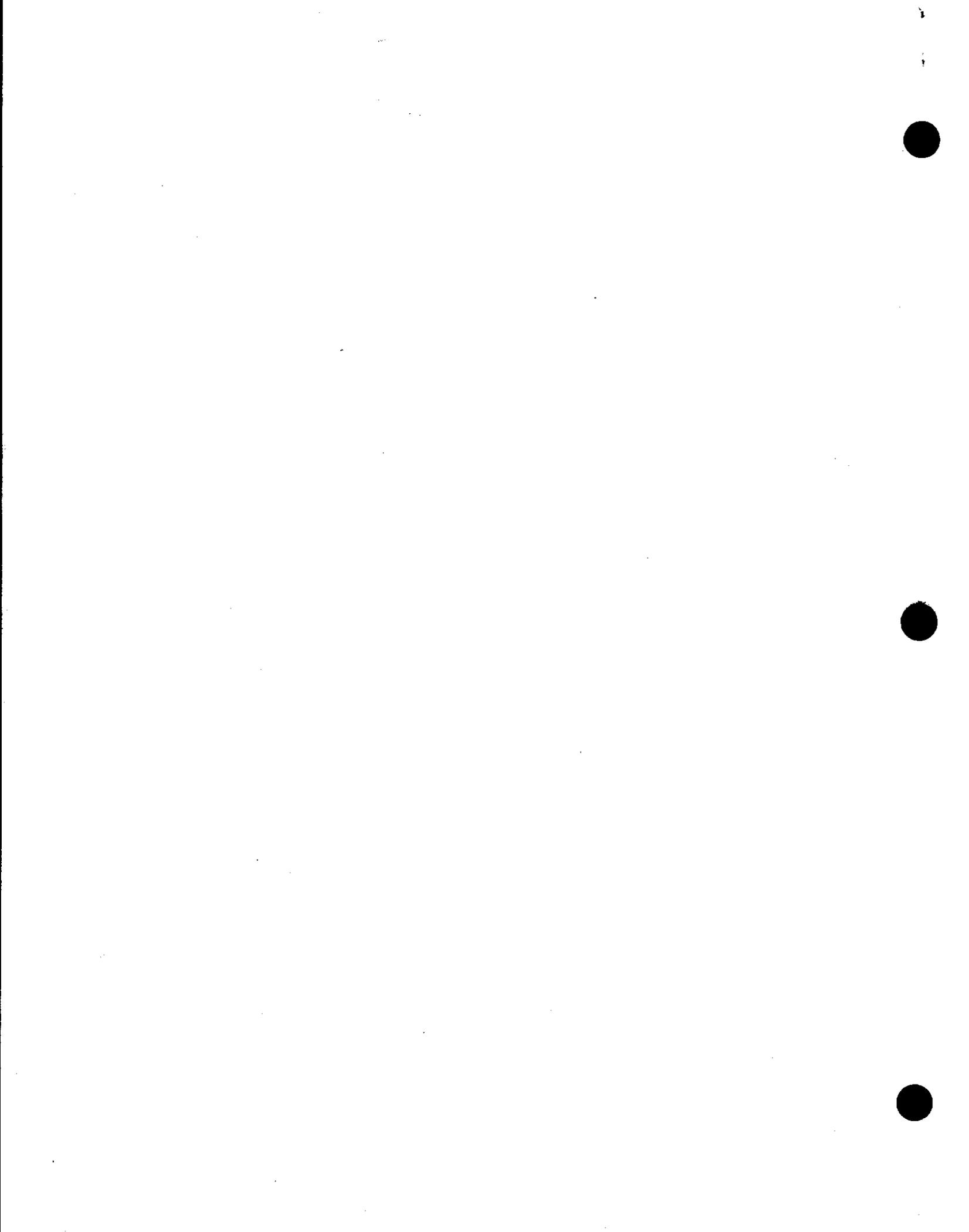
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14 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2005.

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- END - Act terminates
July 1, 2007

No need for
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SENATE BILL NO. 249

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A STATEWIDE CONTINUUM OF CARE IN THE
5 AREAS OF PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND
6 CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS IN PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
7 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A
8 CONTINGENT COORDINATION WITH THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND
9 TREATMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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13 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Prevention and treatment -- coordination required between
14 departments of public health and human services and corrections. (1) The legislature finds that there are
15 limited prevention, intervention, and treatment funds available for treatment of persons with chemical
16 dependency and co-occurring disorders and that more coordination is required between the department, which
17 administers the federal block grant, medicaid, and alcohol tax money for chemical dependency programs, the
18 Montana chemical dependency center, and state and federally funded public mental health services, and the
19 department of corrections, which administers chemical dependency and mental health treatment in state prisons
20 and in contracts with private prisons, regional correctional facilities, prerelease programs, YOUTH CORRECTIONAL
21 FACILITIES, and other specialized treatment facilities. The legislature finds that it is in the best interest of Montana
22 to develop a single continuum of care that takes into account the needs of all Montanans both in the general
23 public and in correctional programs. The legislature also finds that many persons suffer from chemical
24 dependency and mental illness and that any continuum of care must provide treatment for those persons with
25 co-occurring disorders.

26 (2) The department, in conjunction with the department of corrections, shall [report to and coordinate
27 with the office of substance abuse prevention and treatment to]:

28 (a) ~~conduct an initial needs assessment by county or region to develop a baseline of the treatment~~
29 ~~needs in the state for the development of a continuum of care, benchmarks, and evaluation and outcome~~
30 ~~measures;~~

1 (b) develop a quality management plan based on the community needs assessment to meet prevention,
 2 intervention, and treatment needs, including policy and procedures, certification instruments for professionals,
 3 quality management tools for compliance and quality assurance, and implementation of best practices and
 4 evidence-based services for positive outcomes;

5 (c) develop a statewide data management system to monitor all chemical dependency prevention,
 6 intervention, and treatment programs and to provide reporting of measurable outcomes for federal and state
 7 requirements, contract management, guidance in funding decisions, and information needed to secure additional
 8 funding;

9 (d) provide for technical assistance to and professional development of prevention, intervention, and
 10 treatment professionals in order to develop an outcome-based system that coordinates services of professionals
 11 in the areas of chemical dependency, mental health, corrections, and public health; and

12 (e) develop a continuum of care strategic plan for prevention, intervention, detoxification, treatment,
 13 other inpatient, and correctional services and facilities for special populations, for recovery, and for transitional
 14 services ~~to address the areas of need identified in the needs assessment.~~

15 (3) The department of corrections, in conjunction with the department, shall [report to and coordinate
 16 with the office of substance abuse prevention and treatment to] adopt:

17 (a) correctional treatment standards; and

18 (b) procedures to assist the transition of offenders from prisons and secure facilities into community
 19 substance abuse programs.

20 (4) The department and the department of corrections shall report jointly and regularly to the appropriate
 21 legislative interim committees ~~prior to making any commitment of funds, including signing a contract, for a~~
 22 ~~substance abuse or mental health prevention, intervention, or treatment program and shall report on how the~~
 23 ~~proposed program implements the continuum of care strategic plan, fulfill the results of the needs assessment,~~
 24 ~~and includes plans for ongoing evaluation~~ and any recommendations for improving the development of
 25 interagency cooperation.

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 27 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
 28 integral part of Title 53, chapter 24, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 24, apply to [section 1].

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 30 **COORDINATION SECTION. Section 3. Coordination instruction.** (1) If House Bill No. 31 and [this