

SENATE BILL NO. 67

INTRODUCED BY J. SHOCKLEY

BY REQUEST OF THE SUPREME COURT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSFER \$25,000 TO THE GENERAL FUND IN LIEU OF CONDUCTING AN EVALUATION OF SELECTED JUVENILE OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR YEARS 2011 THROUGH 2013 AND 2012; AMENDING SECTION 41-5-2003, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 41-5-2003, MCA, is amended to read:

"41-5-2003. Establishment of program -- department duties -- office of court administrator duties.

(1) There is a juvenile delinquency intervention program. Each judicial district shall participate in the program.

(2) The department and the judicial district shall monitor the judicial district's annual allocation provided for in 41-5-130 to ensure that the judicial district does not exceed its allocation.

(3) The department shall provide technical assistance to each judicial district for the monitoring of its annual allocation.

(4) The office of court administrator shall assist each youth court in developing placement alternatives and community intervention and prevention programs and services.

(5) (a) ~~Each~~ Except as provided in subsection (6), each fiscal year, the office of court administrator shall select out-of-home placements, programs, and services to be evaluated for their effectiveness in achieving the purposes provided in 41-5-2002. The cost containment review panel shall provide recommendations to the office on out-of-home placements, programs, and services to be evaluated and on the scope of the evaluation. Before conducting any evaluation, the office shall obtain approval from the district court council established in 3-1-1602.

(b) The office shall report the results of any evaluation conducted under subsection (5)(a) each year to the department, cost containment review panel, district court council, and law and justice interim committee.

(6) On or before June 30, 2014 IN FISCAL YEARS 2011 THROUGH 2013 AND 2012, the office of court administrator shall transfer \$25,000 IN EACH FISCAL YEAR from the youth court intervention and prevention account

1 to the general fund in lieu of conducting the evaluation required by subsection (5) for fiscal year YEARS 2011
2 THROUGH 2013 AND 2012."

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4 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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