

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 99
2 INTRODUCED BY P. NOONAN
3 BY REQUEST OF THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY
6 FAMILIES FUNDS FOR GRANTS TO PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE OUT-OF-SCHOOL FOOD SUPPORT
7 ACTIVITIES TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
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9 WHEREAS, during the 2011-2012 interim, the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim
10 Committee examined a number of issues related to childhood hunger as well as ways to alleviate hunger and
11 improve access to nutritious food; and

12 WHEREAS, organizations from around the state provided the committee with information on existing
13 programs to alleviate childhood hunger and ideas for supplementing those efforts; and

14 WHEREAS, the ending fund balance for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families federal block grant
15 is estimated to be nearly \$31.36 million as of June 30, 2013.

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

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19 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Grants for out-of-school food support activities.** (1) There is
20 appropriated \$250,000 to the department of public health and human services from the temporary assistance for
21 needy families block grant in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, for grants to support activities
22 that provide children with nutritious food in accordance with the provisions of this section.

23 (2) The department of public health and human services shall make individual grants of up to \$25,000
24 in each fiscal year to public or private programs that alleviate childhood hunger and improve access to nutritious
25 foods for children. The grants must be used for activities that:

26 (a) are allowed under the temporary assistance for needy families program; and

27 (b) serve children eligible for the temporary assistance for needy families program.

28 (3) Grants may be made to provide food in the home setting or in any other setting in which a child
29 spends time outside of regular school hours.

30 (4) (a) The department of public health and human services shall develop guidelines for accepting grant

1 proposals and awarding grants.

2 (b) The department shall establish a process for notifying potential interested parties about the grant
3 program and soliciting suggestions for the design of the grant program.

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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