

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR TRANSITION SERVICES FOR
5 YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated \$100,000 from the general fund
10 to the department of public health and human services in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, to
11 be used for transition services for youth with disabilities who are leaving high school and preparing for
12 employment, postsecondary education, and housing opportunities. The money must be used to:

13 (a) establish partnerships between government agencies and private entities to advance transition
14 services for youth from 15 years of age through high school graduation;

15 (b) maintain a youth transitions website;

16 (c) create and implement job-shadowing opportunities throughout the state and provide financial support
17 to allow youth to participate in the job-shadowing activities;

18 (d) develop and maintain five regional transition groups that will develop action plans to address regional
19 transition needs for youth;

20 (e) provide technology and other support to the five regional transition groups to ensure that all areas of
21 the state have an opportunity to provide input on transition needs;

22 (f) provide financial support to allow youth and their family members to be active members of the five
23 regional transition groups;

24 (g) plan and hold an annual state conference for youth with disabilities, their family members, and
25 professionals to provide information on transition services and changes to those services; and

26 (h) provide scholarships for youth and their family members to attend the annual state conference for
27 youth with disabilities.

28 (2) The department may enter into a contract for the services provided under this section.

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30 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

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