

HOUSE BILL NO. 22

INTRODUCED BY C. SCHREINER

BY REQUEST OF THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR ADDITIONAL CRISIS AND TRANSITION EMPLOYEES IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation for crisis and transition technicians.** (1) There is appropriated \$345,000 from the general fund to the department of public health and human services in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2015.

(2) The money must be used for five full-time equivalent (FTE) personnel positions to serve as crisis and transition technicians. The additional positions are intended to increase the department's ability to work with developmentally disabled individuals who are in or approaching a mental health crisis and are in danger of moving from their current community placement to a more restrictive level of care.

(3) The legislature intends that these positions be ongoing.

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

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