

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 47

2 INTRODUCED BY C. PEASE-LOPEZ

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 MONEY FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
6 DIVERSION PILOT PROJECTS FOR YOUTH; REQUIRING A REPORT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
7 DATE."8
9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:10
11 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation for youth mental health crisis diversion pilot projects**12 -- **reporting requirement.** (1) There is appropriated \$1.2 million from the general fund to the department of public
13 health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, for pilot projects involving youth mental
14 health crisis diversion activities.15 (2) The department shall grant the money to up to six licensed children's mental health providers for the
16 development of community-based mental health crisis diversion services for youth. Activities funded by the grants
17 must meet the needs of the community being served, include a community collaboration component, and offer
18 one or more of the following services:

19 (a) a 24-hour crisis line;

20 (b) mental health crisis case management with a youth and the youth's family that begins within 24 hours
21 of identification of a crisis situation;22 (c) evaluation and assessment of a youth and the youth's family in order to determine the services that
23 will best meet the needs of the youth and family;

24 (d) short-term residential crisis stabilization services; or

25 (e) a part-time project coordinator to assist in coalition-building or grant management activities.

26 (3) (a) Short-term residential crisis stabilization services may be provided in a youth care facility, as
27 defined in 52-2-602, that has a defined program for crisis stabilization.28 (b) Grant funds may be used to pay for up to 14 days of short-term residential crisis stabilization services
29 for a youth who is in need of the services and who is uninsured or whose insurance does not adequately cover
30 the cost of the services.

1 (4) Grant recipients shall report to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee
2 during the 2015-2016 interim on the use of the grant funds, including but not limited to outcome measures
3 identified by the department and grantees.

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

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