



AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS DIVERSION PILOT PROJECTS FOR YOUTH; REQUIRING A REPORT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriation for youth mental health crisis diversion pilot projects -- reporting requirement. (1) There is appropriated \$1.2 million from the general fund to the department of public health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, for pilot projects involving youth mental health crisis diversion activities.

(2) The department shall grant the money to up to six licensed children's mental health providers for the development of community-based mental health crisis diversion services for youth. Activities funded by the grants must meet the needs of the community being served, include a community collaboration component, and offer one or more of the following services:

- (a) a 24-hour crisis line;
- (b) mental health crisis case management with a youth and the youth's family that begins within 24 hours of identification of a crisis situation;
- (c) evaluation and assessment of a youth and the youth's family in order to determine the services that will best meet the needs of the youth and family;
- (d) short-term residential crisis stabilization services; or
- (e) a part-time project coordinator to assist in coalition-building or grant management activities.

(3) (a) Short-term residential crisis stabilization services may be provided in a youth care facility, as defined in 52-2-602, that has a defined program for crisis stabilization.

(b) Grant funds may be used to pay for up to 14 days of short-term residential crisis stabilization services for a youth who is in need of the services and who is uninsured or whose insurance does not adequately cover the cost of the services.

(4) Grant recipients shall report to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee

during the 2015-2016 interim on the use of the grant funds, including but not limited to outcome measures identified by the department and grantees.

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

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0047, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2015.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2015.

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

INTRODUCED BY C. PEASE-LOPEZ

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

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