

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR  
5 SUPERVISORS IN THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 52-2-111, MCA;  
6 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 52-2-111, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"52-2-111. Administrative duties of department.** (1) Subject to the authority and regulations of the  
12 department and in cooperation with the federal government, the department shall:

13 ~~(1)(a)~~ adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this part; and

14 ~~(2)(b)~~ administer or supervise all child welfare services of the state.

15 (2) The department division responsible for administering child welfare services shall require a  
16 master's degree in social work for employees hired as district supervisors or supervisors of field staff."

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18 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Transition. To implement the provisions of [this act], the department  
19 shall:

20 (1) allow division employees who are in supervisory positions on [the effective date of this act] 4 years  
21 to obtain a master's degree in social work if the employee does not have the degree; and

22 (2) allow department employees who are hired to fill a supervisory position 2 years from the date of  
23 hire to obtain a master's degree in social work if the employee does not have the degree.

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25 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2021.

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27 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability. [Section 1] applies to individuals hired for supervisory  
28 positions on or after July 1, 2021.

