

HOUSE BILL NO. 75

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A SEXUAL ASSAULT PROSECUTION UNIT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Sexual assault prosecution unit. (1) There is a sexual assault prosecution unit in the prosecution services bureau of the department of justice. The unit is under the supervision and control of the attorney general and, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, consists of the agents and employees of the department whom the attorney general considers necessary and appropriate, including but not limited to at least two people who are licensed to practice law in Montana and who are qualified by education, training, experience, and high professional competence to prosecute sexual assault crimes.

(2) The sexual assault prosecution unit shall assist and train county attorneys and local law enforcement in the prosecution of sexual assault crimes.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 20, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 20, apply to [section 1].

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