

HOUSE BILL NO. 589

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO MONITOR AND REPORT ON FACTORS RELATED TO CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Monitoring of children's mental health outcomes -- report.** (1) The

department shall monitor the status of children being served in the state-funded children's mental health system each fiscal year to determine whether, after receiving services, the children are able to remain at home, in school, and out of trouble.

(2) The department shall monitor the following factors to determine whether children who have received mental health services are able to return to or remain at home:

- (a) whether a child remained in the home while receiving services or returned to the home after receiving out-of-home services;
- (b) the number of children placed in out-of-home mental health treatment;
- (c) the number of children who were placed in or left a foster care or correctional setting; and
- (d) the number and types of home and community-based services that children received.

(3) The department shall work with schools to monitor, to the extent possible, the following factors related to a child's success in school:

- (a) the number of children who did not return to or dropped out of school; and
- (b) the number of children who did not advance to the next grade level.

(4) The department shall work with the juvenile justice system to monitor, to the extent possible, the following factors related to whether a child has remained out of trouble after receiving mental health services:

- (a) the number of children receiving treatment for substance use;
- (b) the number of children referred to youth court; and
- (c) the number of children who completed suicide.

(5) The department shall report annually to the children, families, health, and human services interim



1 committee and to the legislature as provided in 5-11-210 on the information required under this section.

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$5,000 from the general fund to the  
4 department of public health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, to carry out the  
5 purposes of [section 1].

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7 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
8 integral part of Title 53, chapter 21, part 5, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 21, part 5, apply to [section 1].

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10 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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