



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:

Section 1. Monitoring of children's mental health outcomes -- report. (1) The department shall monitor the status of children receiving targeted case management services 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 receiving targeted case management 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 the school success of a child receiving targeted case management services:

(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 receiving targeted case management services 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 committee and to the legislature as provided in 5-11-210 on the information required under this section.

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

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

Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0589, originated in the House.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2017.

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