

HOUSE BILL NO. 40

INTRODUCED BY S. STEWART-PEREGOY

BY REQUEST OF THE STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE REENTRY CULTURAL PROGRAMMING GRANT PROGRAM; DEFINING "CULTURAL PROGRAMMING"; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Reentry cultural programming grant program -- definition.** (1) There

is a reentry cultural programming grant program for the purposes of:

(a) promoting the use of cultural programming by entities that serve American Indian individuals who are involved with the state or tribal criminal justice system; and

(b) reducing recidivism and increasing community reintegration success rates.

(2) City, county, and tribal governments, community corrections facilities and programs, and community-based organizations working with offenders are eligible to receive reentry cultural programming grant funds.

(3) (a) For the purposes of this section, the term "cultural programming" means the use of multifaceted, traditional practices to provide recovery support, recidivism prevention, and community resource referrals for American Indian offenders who are supervised in a community or are released or will be released from incarceration.

(b) Programs must:

(i) train offenders to create and maintain a network of social, emotional, and spiritual support upon release; and

(ii) support offenders while they reconnect with their families, cultural traditions, and communities.

(c) Programs may include:

(i) the use of peer support; and

(ii) training components for families and community members who support the offenders.

(4) The board of crime control shall:



- 1 (a) actively seek federal grant money that may be used for the purposes of this section;
- 2 (b) produce a biennial report summarizing the grants provided, how the grant money was spent, and the
- 3 program data and information reported by grant recipients; and
- 4 (c) report biennially to the law and justice interim committee and the state-tribal relations committee
- 5 regarding the status and performance of the reentry cultural programming grant program established in this
- 6 section and any recommendations for changes to the program.
- 7 (5) The board of crime control may use up to 10% of funds appropriated for the purposes of this section
- 8 to pay costs incurred to administer the program.

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$150,000 from the general fund to

11 the board of crime control for each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, to implement the reentry cultural

12 programming grant program established in [section 1].

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14 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a

15 copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell

16 Chippewa tribe.

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18 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an

19 integral part of Title 44, chapter 7, part 1, and the provisions of Title 44, chapter 7, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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21 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2019.

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