

HOUSE BILL NO. 604

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO CREATE A STRATEGIC PLAN TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND PREVENTION SERVICES."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Strategic plan for developing and expanding prevention services -- report to legislature. (1) By August 15, 2020, the department shall develop a strategic plan to apply for and utilize funding available under the Family First Prevention Services Act, Title VII of Public Law 115-123. The plan must review factors and propose strategies specific to Montana's urban and rural areas, as well as the state's Indian communities and reservations.

(2) The plan must:

(a) adopt definitions for integral Family First Prevention Services Act terms, including but not limited to:

(i) adverse childhood experiences;

(ii) prevention services;

(iii) trauma; and

(iv) trauma-informed care;

(b) inventory existing programs to determine whether existing programs or components of existing programs would qualify for Family First Prevention Services Act funding or could be adapted to qualify for funding;

(c) review research and programs from other states related to prevention services and trauma-informed care;

(d) evaluate need and capacity for new prevention-focused services in Montana; and

(e) draft an evidence-based, trauma-informed plan for providing prevention services in Montana to be used in applying for Family First Prevention Services Act funding in 2021.

(3) The department shall involve a variety of stakeholders in the development of the strategic plan.

(4) The department shall provide a copy of the strategic plan to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee and the legislative finance committee by September 15, 2020.



