

HOUSE BILL NO. 696

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS; ESTABLISHING PURPOSES FOR USE OF THE MONEY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation for suicide prevention grants.** (1) There is appropriated \$500,000 from the general fund to the department of public health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, for grants made pursuant to 53-21-1101 and 53-21-1111 for suicide prevention activities.

(2) The appropriation must be used to:

(a) implement strategies that are developed, with assistance from the U.S. department of veterans affairs and the federal substance abuse and mental health services administration, as part of the mayor's challenge or the governor's challenge to prevent suicide among service members, veterans, and their families; and

(b) continue state and tribal efforts in implementing the action steps of the Montana native youth suicide reduction strategic plan published in January 2017.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2019.

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