



AN ACT REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEASURING OUTCOMES IN THE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 53-21-508, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 53-21-508, MCA, is amended to read:

"53-21-508. Monitoring of children's mental health outcomes -- report. (1) ~~The~~ Each September and March, the department shall ~~monitor the status of~~ measure factors, specific to a point in time, for 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~~ the effect of the services on the likelihood ~~the children will~~ 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)(a)~~ the number of children placed in out-of-home mental health treatment, including the level and type of care and whether the treatment is provided in state or out of state; and

~~(c)(b)~~ the number of children who were placed in or left a foster care setting, including kinship care, or a 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;~~ monitor 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~~ enrolled in and attending school; and

(b) the number of children who ~~did not advance~~ advanced to the next grade level from the previous school year.

(4) The department shall ~~work with the juvenile justice system to monitor, to the extent possible,~~ the following additional factors ~~related to whether a child~~ for children 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 screened for substance use disorders by the current case management provider;

~~(b)(c)~~ (c) the number of children ~~referred to~~ involved, formally or informally, with youth court; and

~~(e)(d)~~ (d) the number of children ~~who completed~~ in care or treatment related to suicide risk.

(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. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2019.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0583, originated in the House.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

Chief Clerk of the House

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

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INTRODUCED BY D. LENZ

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