



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:

**Section 1. Appropriation for suicide prevention grants.** (1) There is appropriated \$500,000 from the state special revenue account established in 17-6-603 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;

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

(c) implement recommendations from the 2016 Montana suicide mortality review team report for evidence-based youth suicide prevention programs and mental health screening.

**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.

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

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0696, originated in the House.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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