

SENATE BILL NO. 13

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BY REQUEST OF THE STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING TO BE AWARDED TO ELIGIBLE USES THAT SERVE AMERICAN INDIAN OFFENDERS; AMENDING SECTION 44-7-120, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 44-7-120, MCA, is amended to read:

"44-7-120. Supportive housing grant program. (1) Within Subject to subsection (6), within the limits of available funds, the Montana board of crime control shall develop and administer a supportive housing grant program to improve access to housing for people reentering the community from the criminal justice system or who have a criminal history.

(2) Counties, cities or towns, and tribal governments are eligible to receive grant funding.

(3) Grant funds may be used to provide case management and housing placement services, support landlord engagement activities, hire housing specialists, and build or manage risk-mitigation funds to reimburse landlords for tenant-related property damages or expenses.

(4) In administering the supportive housing grant program, the board shall:

(a) identify priorities for funding services, activities, and criteria for the receipt of program funds;

(b) monitor the expenditure of funds by organizations receiving funds under this section;

(c) evaluate the effectiveness of services and activities under this section; and

(d) adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

(5) (a) Grants available under subsection (1) consist of state appropriations and federal funds received by the board for the purposes of administering the supportive housing grant program or any funds received pursuant to subsection (5)(b).

(b) The board may accept gifts, grants, and donations from other public or private sources, which must be used within the scope of this section.

(6) In a year in which funds are available for distribution pursuant to this section, a percentage of the

1 funds equal to the percentage of persons incarcerated or supervised by the department of corrections in the
2 previous year who are American Indian must be awarded to eligible uses, as provided in subsection (3), that
3 serve American Indian offenders."

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

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

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