

1 SENATE BILL NO. 100  
2 INTRODUCED BY C. SMITH

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR PREVENTING FRAUD IN  
5 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; ESTABLISHING VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
6 INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY APPLICANTS FOR AND RECIPIENTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
7 PROGRAMS; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO  
8 CONTRACT FOR A VERIFICATION SYSTEM; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING  
9 AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR CONTINGENT VOIDNESS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 53-2-101 AND 53-  
10 2-201, MCA."

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

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14 **Section 1.** Section 53-2-101, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"53-2-101. Definitions.** Unless the context requires otherwise, in this chapter, the following definitions  
16 apply:

17 (1) "Department" means the department of public health and human services provided for in Title 2,  
18 chapter 15, part 22.

19 (2) "Identity information" means the full name, aliases, date of birth, address, social security number,  
20 household composition, and other related information provided by an applicant for or recipient of public  
21 assistance.

22 (2)(3) "Needy person" is ~~one~~ an individual who is eligible for public assistance under the laws of this  
23 state.

24 (3)(4) "Protective services" means services to children and adults to be provided by the department  
25 as permitted by Titles 41 and 53.

26 (4)(5) "Public assistance" or "assistance" means any type of monetary or other assistance furnished  
27 under this title to a person by a state or county agency, regardless of the original source of the assistance.

28 (5)(6) "Section 1115 waiver" means an experimental, pilot, research, or demonstration project, subject

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1 to approval by the secretary of the U.S. department of health and human services, authorized by section 1115  
2 of Title XI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1315, for which certain requirements of the Social Security Act  
3 are waived.

4 ~~(6)(7)~~ "Section 1915 waiver" means a waiver of certain medicaid requirements, subject to approval by  
5 the secretary of the U.S. department of health and human services under section 1915 of Title XIX of the Social  
6 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396n, for the purposes of managing health care through restrictions on access to  
7 providers or for establishing programs of home and community-based services."

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9 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Establishment of enhanced eligibility verification system.** (1) The  
10 department shall establish a computerized, ~~income, asset, and identity eligibility verification~~ **ENHANCED** system  
11 in order to verify eligibility, **ASSESS INCOME AND ASSETS**, eliminate the duplication of assistance, and deter  
12 **ERRORS, OMISSIONS**, waste, fraud, and abuse in ~~each public assistance program that the department~~  
13 ~~administers~~ **THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:**

14 (A) THE FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR IN TITLE 53, CHAPTER 2, PART 9;

15 (B) THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR IN TITLE 53, CHAPTER 4,  
16 PART 2;

17 (C) THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR IN TITLE 53, CHAPTER 4, PART 10;

18 (D) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PROVIDED FOR IN TITLE 53, CHAPTER 6, THAT SERVE ADULTS AND FOR  
19 WHICH THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARD IS BASED SOLELY ON AN APPLICANT'S MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME;  
20 AND

21 (E) THE MONTANA HEALTH AND ECONOMIC LIVELIHOOD PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR IN TITLE  
22 53, CHAPTER 6, PART 13.

23 (2) The department may enter into ~~a competitively bid contract~~ **CONTRACTS** with ~~a third-party vendor~~  
24 **VENDORS** for the purposes of developing a system by which to verify, as provided in [sections 3 and 4], the  
25 income, asset, and identity information of applicants for public assistance to prevent **ERRORS, OMISSIONS**, fraud,  
26 misrepresentation, and inadequate documentation when determining an individual's eligibility ~~for public~~  
27 **assistance:**

28 (a) prior to the distribution of benefits;

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1 (b) quarterly ~~AT LEAST EVERY 6 MONTHS periodically~~ after enrollment and between any eligibility  
2 redeterminations as authorized in [section 3(4)]; and

3 (c) during eligibility redeterminations and reviews.

4 (3) The department may contract with ~~a vendor~~ one or more vendors to provide information to  
5 facilitate reviews of recipient eligibility conducted by the department.

6 (4) If the department enters into a contract with a third-party vendor for the purposes of carrying out  
7 any portion of [sections 2 through 8], the department shall:

8 ~~(a) the payment structure must be based on a per-applicant rate and may include a performance~~  
9 ~~bonus for achieving above a predetermined rate of success in identifying ERRORS, OMISSIONS, waste, fraud, and~~  
10 ~~abuse; and~~

11 ~~(b) the vendor, in partnership with the department, must be required by the contract to establish~~  
12 ~~annualized savings realized from implementation of the verification system. Savings must exceed the total~~  
13 ~~yearly cost to the state of implementing the verification system~~

14 ~~(b) THE INITIAL CONTRACT MUST BE LIMITED TO 1 YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO EXTENDED-~~  
15 ~~LENGTH CONTRACTS AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.~~

16 (a) review the contract annually to determine performance; and

17 (b) maintain the ability to renegotiate services and costs to enhance and support the needs and  
18 outcomes of the department.

19 (5) If the department does not enter into a contract with ~~a one or more~~ third-party vendor vendors, the  
20 requirements of this section must be carried out by the department.

21 (6) To avoid any conflict of interest, a primary third-party vendor with whom the department enters  
22 into a contract may not bid on or be awarded a state contract to run ~~enrollment~~ ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION  
23 services FOR ANY OF THE PROGRAMS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1).

24 (7) The department may continue to conduct any eligibility AND IDENTITY VERIFICATION processes that  
25 were in practice before entry into a contract pursuant to this section.

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27 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Enhanced eligibility verification process -- limitations. (1) The  
28 department shall process an application for ~~public assistance within 10 days or the minimum~~ ELIGIBILITY IN A

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1 ~~PROGRAM SPECIFIED IN [SECTION 2] WITHIN THE~~ period required by federal law. ~~Prior to awarding assistance and~~  
2 ~~on a quarterly basis IN INITIALLY DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY AND AT LEAST EVERY 6 MONTHS periodically~~ after  
3 assistance is awarded, the department shall ~~verify eligibility by checking the identity,~~ TO THE EXTENT  
4 PRACTICABLE AND IF NOT COST PROHIBITIVE, DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING information ~~of AS IT RELATES TO~~ each  
5 applicant for ~~and OR~~ recipient of public assistance ~~against~~:

- 6 (a) earned and unearned income information maintained by the internal revenue service;
- 7 (b) employer weekly, monthly, and quarterly reports of income and unemployment insurance payment  
8 information maintained by the Montana department of labor and industry and the Montana department of  
9 revenue;
- 10 ~~(c) employment information maintained by the Montana department of labor and industry;~~
- 11 ~~(d) (C)~~ wage reporting and similar information maintained by states contiguous to this state;
- 12 ~~(e) (D)~~ the following information maintained by the U.S. social security administration:
  - 13 (i) earned income information;
  - 14 (ii) death register information;
  - 15 ~~(iii) prisoner ARREST AND INCARCERATION~~ information;
  - 16 (iv) beneficiary records and earnings information;
  - 17 (v) earnings and pension information; and
  - 18 (vi) supplemental security income information;
- 19 ~~(f) (E)~~ the following information maintained by the U.S. department of health and human services:
  - 20 (i) new hires, as maintained in the department's national directory of new hires;
  - 21 (ii) income and employment information maintained for the purposes of child support enforcement; and
  - 22 (iii) veterans' benefits information, in coordination with the Montana department of public health and  
23 human services and the Montana department of military affairs, in the federal public assistance reporting  
24 information system database;
- 25 ~~(g) (F)~~ immigration status information maintained by the U.S. citizenship and immigration services;
- 26 ~~(h) (G)~~ public housing and Section 8 housing assistance payment information maintained by the U.S.  
27 department of housing and urban development;
- 28 ~~(i) (H)~~ national fleeing felon information maintained by the federal bureau of investigation;

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1           ~~(j)~~ (I) the following information maintained by the department:

2           (i) child-care services information;

3           (ii) utility payments made under the low-income home energy assistance program;

4           (iii) emergency utility payment information; and

5           (iv) if permissible, income and employment information for the purposes of child support enforcement  
6 pursuant to Title 40, chapter 5;

7           ~~(k)~~ (J) a database of all persons who currently hold a license, permit, or certificate from any state  
8 agency, the cost of which exceeds \$500;

9           ~~(l)~~ (K) earnings and pension information maintained by a retirement system provided for in Title 19;

10          ~~(m)~~ (L) any existing real-time database of persons currently receiving benefits in other states;

11          ~~(n)~~ (M) potential changes in residency as indicated by out-of-state electronic benefit transfer  
12 transactions;

13          ~~(o)~~ (N) any available databases or lists of individuals with substantial lottery or gambling winnings,  
14 including but not limited to information maintained by the Montana state agencies responsible for regulating  
15 gambling and the state lottery; and

16          ~~(p)~~ (O) a database that is substantially similar to or a successor of a database listed in this section.

17          (2) AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO USING THE VERIFICATION SOURCES PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTIONS (1)(A) AND  
18 (1)(B), THE DEPARTMENT MAY ~~USE NONMODELED EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME INFORMATION FROM AN EXTERNAL VENDOR~~  
19 ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT, 15 U.S.C. 1681, ET SEQ contract with one or~~  
20 ~~more third-party vendors to provide the information.~~

21          ~~(2) (3) Prior to awarding public assistance and on a quarterly basis after assistance is awarded IN~~  
22 INITIALLY DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY AND ~~AT LEAST EVERY 6 MONTHS periodically~~ AFTER ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED, the  
23 department shall match identity information of each applicant for and recipient of public assistance against, at  
24 minimum, the following public records:

25           (a) a national public records data source of physical asset ownership, including but not limited to real  
26 property, automobiles, watercraft, aircraft, luxury vehicles, and any other vehicle owned by the individual;

27           (b) a nationwide public records data source of incarcerated individuals;

28           (c) a nationwide best-address and driver's license data source to verify that the individual is a resident

1 of this state;

2 (d) a comprehensive public records database that identifies potential identity fraud or identity theft and  
3 that can closely associate name, social security number, date of birth, phone, and address information;

4 (e) national and local financial institutions, in order to locate undisclosed depository accounts or verify  
5 account balances of disclosed accounts;

6 (f) outstanding default or arrest warrant information maintained in criminal justice information systems;  
7 and

8 (g) a database that is substantially similar to or a successor of a database listed in this section.

9 (4) After the initial determination of eligibility, the department shall verify eligibility and identity  
10 information:

11 (a) at least every 12 months for the children's health insurance program; and

12 (b) at least every 6 months for the other programs specified in [section 2(1)].

13 (5) This section does not require the department to:

14 (a) verify or match certain information listed under this section if the information does not pertain to  
15 the eligibility requirements for a program specified in [section 2]; or

16 (b) continue in its entirety the enhanced eligibility verification process provided for in this section if the  
17 cost of doing so exceeds the savings generated through the enhanced verification process.

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19 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Enhanced identity authentication-VERIFICATION process.** Before  
20 receiving public assistance, an applicant for assistance shall complete a computerized identity authentication  
21 process to confirm that the applicant owns the identity presented in the application. The department shall  
22 review the applicant's identity ownership by:

23 ~~(1) providing a knowledge-based quiz consisting of financial or personal questions. The quiz must~~  
24 ~~attempt to accommodate nonbanked or underbanked applicants who do not have an established credit history.~~

25 ~~(2) providing for submission of the quiz through all channels, including online, in person, and by~~  
26 ~~phone.~~

27 (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUALS UPON APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS PROVIDED  
28 THROUGH A PROGRAM SPECIFIED IN [SECTION 2]. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCORPORATE AN ENHANCED IDENTITY

1 VERIFICATION PROCESS THAT INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO DIGITAL AND PHYSICAL IDENTITY AUTHENTICATION

2 FACTORS USING DATA SOURCES PERMITTED BY FEDERAL AND STATE LAW.

3 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT IDENTIFY VERIFICATION PROCESSES FOR THE PROGRAMS EXCEED

4 THE MINIMUM STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL AGENCY HAVING FUNDING AUTHORITY FOR THE PROGRAM.

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6 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Discrepancies and case review. (1) If a discrepancy is found between

7 the identity, INCOME, OR ASSET information provided by an applicant for or recipient of public assistance and one

8 or more of the databases or information tools listed under [section 3 or 4], the department shall review the case

9 ~~as provided in this section~~ IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE PROVISIONS GOVERNING ADVERSE ACTIONS AND

10 DETERMINATIONS.

11 ~~(2) If the department determines that no discrepancy exists or a change in circumstances has not~~

12 ~~affected the individual's eligibility for public assistance, the department shall take no further action.~~

13 ~~(3) If the department determines that the discrepancy or change in circumstances may affect a~~

14 ~~recipient's eligibility, the department shall redetermine eligibility within 10 business days.~~

15 ~~(4) (a) If the department determines that a discrepancy or change in circumstances may affect the~~

16 ~~eligibility of an applicant or recipient, the individual must be given an opportunity to explain the discrepancy or~~

17 ~~change in circumstances. The department shall provide written notice to the individual describing in sufficient~~

18 ~~detail the circumstances of the discrepancy or change, the manner in which the individual may respond, and~~

19 ~~the consequences of failing to take action.~~

20 ~~(b) The applicant or recipient has 10 business days, or the minimum required by state or federal law,~~

21 ~~to respond in an attempt to resolve the discrepancy or change in circumstances. The response must be~~

22 ~~provided in writing. After receiving the explanation, the department may request additional documentation if it~~

23 ~~determines that there is risk of fraud, misrepresentation, or inadequate documentation.~~

24 ~~(c) Self-declarations by an applicant or recipient may not be accepted as verification of categorical~~

25 ~~and financial eligibility during eligibility evaluations, reviews, and redeterminations under this subsection (4).~~

26 ~~(d) If the applicant or recipient does not respond to the notice, the department shall deny or~~

27 ~~discontinue assistance for failure to cooperate and shall provide notice of intent to deny or discontinue~~

28 ~~assistance. Eligibility for assistance may not be established or reestablished until the discrepancy or change~~

1 has been resolved.

2 ~~(5) (a) If an applicant or recipient responds to the notice and disagrees with the findings of the match~~  
3 ~~between the identity information and one or more databases or information tools listed under [section 3 or 4],~~  
4 ~~the department shall reinvestigate the matter.~~

5 ~~(b) If the department finds that an error has occurred, the department shall take immediate action to~~  
6 ~~correct it and may not take further action against the individual.~~

7 ~~(c) If the department determines that there is no error, the department shall determine the effect on~~  
8 ~~the individual's case and take appropriate action. The department shall provide written notice of its action to the~~  
9 ~~applicant or recipient.~~

10 ~~(6) (a) If the applicant or recipient agrees with the findings of the match between the identity~~  
11 ~~information and one or more databases or information tools listed under [section 3 or 4], the department shall~~  
12 ~~determine the effect on the individual's case and take appropriate action. The department shall provide written~~  
13 ~~notice of its action to the applicant or recipient.~~

14 ~~(b) The department may not discontinue assistance upon finding a discrepancy or change in~~  
15 ~~circumstances between an individual's identity information and one or more databases or information tools~~  
16 ~~listed under [section 3 or 4] until the department has notified the individual and provided an opportunity to~~  
17 ~~respond as required under this section.~~

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19 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. Referrals for fraud, INTENTIONAL misrepresentation, or inadequate**  
20 **MISLEADING documentation.** (1) After reviewing changes or discrepancies that may affect eligibility for public  
21 assistance THE PROGRAMS SPECIFIED IN [SECTION 2], the department shall act on the reviews by:

22 (a) removing from a public assistance program any individual found to be ineligible ACCORDING TO  
23 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM;

24 (b) referring suspected cases of fraud OR INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION to the department of justice  
25 as provided in Title 53, chapter 2, part 5, or to any other appropriate entity for investigation and possible  
26 criminal prosecution, recovery of improper payments, and collection of civil penalties; AND

27 ~~(c) referring suspected cases of identity fraud to the department of justice or to any other appropriate~~  
28 ~~entity for investigation and possible criminal prosecution; and~~



1 (d) (C) referring determinations of ~~ineligibility and~~ suspected cases of fraud, INTENTIONAL  
2 misrepresentation, or ~~inadequate~~ MISLEADING documentation to other state agencies as appropriate for review  
3 of eligibility discrepancies in other public programs.

4 (2) ~~If The department shall pursue all available legal options when~~ an applicant for or recipient of  
5 public assistance is convicted of fraud related to public assistance benefits, ~~the department shall exercise all~~  
6 ~~legal options to remove the applicant or recipient from other public programs and garnish wages or state~~  
7 ~~income tax refunds until the state recovers an amount equal to the benefits fraudulently received.~~

9 NEW SECTION. Section 7. Transparency in medicaid. The department shall electronically release  
10 to the public the following data on providers participating in the medicaid program provided for in Title 53,  
11 chapter 6, part 1:

- 12 (1) the type of service provided, based on the current medical coding system in use;
- 13 (2) whether the service was provided in an office setting, ~~or a facility,~~ OR OTHER LOCATION;
- 14 (3) the number of services provided;
- 15 (4) the average submitted charges and average allowed amount FOR EACH SERVICE;
- 16 (5) the average medicaid payment FOR EACH SERVICE; and
- 17 (6) a count of unique beneficiaries treated MEDICAID MEMBERS SERVED.

19 NEW SECTION. Section 8. Reporting requirements. ~~The (1) NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2023,~~  
20 ~~AND ANNUALLY AFTER THE INITIAL REPORT IS MADE, THE~~ department shall provide a written report to the ~~governor~~  
21 ~~OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING,~~ to the legislature in accordance with 5-11-210, and to the legislative  
22 ~~auditor FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE~~  
23 detailing: ~~the effectiveness and general findings of the eligibility verification system, including but not limited to~~  
24 ~~the number of cases reviewed, the number of case closures, the number of referrals for criminal prosecution,~~  
25 ~~recovery of improper payments, collection of civil penalties, the savings that have resulted from the system, and~~  
26 ~~the outcomes of cases referred to the department of justice, a county attorney's office, or another state agency~~

27 ~~(4)(a)~~ THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE ENHANCED ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM AND ENHANCED  
28 IDENTITY VERIFICATION PROCESS;

1 ~~(2)(b)~~ THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS, GENERAL FINDINGS, AND ESTIMATED SAVINGS OF THE ENHANCED  
2 ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM AND ENHANCED IDENTITY VERIFICATION PROCESS;

3 ~~(c)~~ (i) the number of individuals who were determined ineligible as part of the enhanced eligibility and  
4 verification processes and disenrolled from a program specified in [section 2]; and  
5 (ii) of those individuals who were disenrolled from a program, the number who were reenrolled in the  
6 same program within 4 months of disenrollment;

7 ~~(3)(d)~~ THE STATUS AND OUTCOME OF CASES REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING  
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; AND

9 ~~(4)(e)~~ FOR EACH PROGRAM SPECIFIED IN [SECTION 2], THE:

10 ~~(A)(i)~~ NUMBER OF CASE DISCREPANCIES IDENTIFIED;

11 ~~(B)(ii)~~ NUMBER OF CASE DISCREPANCIES REVIEWED;

12 ~~(C)(iii)~~ NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOTICES ISSUED;

13 ~~(D)(iv)~~ NUMBER AND TYPE OF CASE DISCREPANCY RESOLUTIONS;

14 ~~(E)(v)~~ NUMBER AND TYPES OF REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RESOLUTIONS;

15 ~~(F)(vi)~~ NUMBER OF REFERRALS FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION; AND

16 ~~(G)(vii)~~ OVERPAYMENTS ESTABLISHED AND COLLECTED. The report must be provided:

17 (1) 6 months following implementation of [sections 2 through 8]; and

18 (2) every 3 months after the initial report is made.

19 (2) The report must include a detailed explanation of any department decision to:

20 (a) forgo verifying or matching certain information as allowed under [section 3(5)(a)]; or

21 (b) discontinue, either partially or entirely, the enhanced eligibility verification system as allowed under  
22 [section 3(5)(b)].

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24 **Section 9.** Section 53-2-201, MCA, is amended to read:

25 **"53-2-201. Powers and duties of department.** (1) The department shall:

26 (a) administer and supervise public assistance, including the provision of food stamps, food

27 commodities, cash assistance and nonfinancial assistance, as defined in 53-2-902, energy assistance,

28 weatherization, vocational rehabilitation, services for persons with severe disabilities, developmental disability

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1 services, medical care payments in behalf of recipients of public assistance, employment and training services  
2 for recipients of public assistance, and other programs as necessary to strengthen and preserve families;

3 (b) give consultant service to private institutions providing care for adults who are needy, indigent, or  
4 dependent or who have disabilities;

5 (c) cooperate with other state agencies and develop provisions for services to the blind, including the  
6 prevention of blindness, the location of blind persons, medical services for eye conditions, and vocational  
7 guidance and training of the blind;

8 (d) organize and supervise the local offices of public assistance in an efficient and economical  
9 manner;

10 (e) assist and cooperate with other state and federal departments, bureaus, agencies, and  
11 institutions, when requested, by performing services in conformity with public assistance purposes;

12 (f) administer all state and federal funds allocated to the department for public assistance and do all  
13 things necessary, in conformity with federal and state law, for the proper fulfillment of public assistance  
14 purposes;

15 (g) make rules governing payment for services and supplies provided to recipients of public  
16 assistance; and

17 (h) adopt rules regarding assignment of monetary and medical support upon application for cash  
18 assistance, as defined in 53-2-902, and related medical assistance.

19 (2) The department may:

20 (a) purchase, exchange, condemn, as provided in Title 70, chapter 30, or receive by gift either real or  
21 personal property that is necessary to carry out its public assistance functions. Title to property obtained under  
22 this subsection must be taken in the name of the state of Montana for the use and benefit of the department.

23 (b) contract with the federal government to carry out its public assistance functions and comply with  
24 requirements for receiving federal aid and assistance; ~~and~~

25 (c) make rules, consistent with state and federal law, establishing the amount, scope, and duration of  
26 services to be provided to recipients of public assistance; and

27 (d) make rules to carry out the provisions of [sections 2 through 8]."

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**NEW SECTION. Section 10. Direction to department of public health and human services.** If implementation of any eligibility standards, procedures, or methodologies provided for in [this act] would result in a reduction in the federal medical assistance percentages or other federal funding for any of the public assistance programs specified in [section 2], the legislature directs the department to delay implementation of those provisions until implementation can occur without a reduction in the federal medical assistance percentages or other federal funding.

**NEW SECTION. Section 11. Codification instruction.** [Sections 2 through 8] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 53, chapter 2, part 1, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 2, part 1, apply to [sections 2 through 8].

**COORDINATION SECTION. Section 12. COORDINATION INSTRUCTION. IF EITHER HOUSE BILL NO. 235 OR HOUSE BILL NO. 339, OR BOTH, AND [THIS ACT] ARE PASSED AND APPROVED, THEN THE REFERENCE IN [THIS ACT] TO THE "THE FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR IN TITLE 53, CHAPTER 2, PART 9" IN [SECTION 2(1)(A)] MUST BE CHANGED TO "THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR IN TITLE 53, CHAPTER 2, PART 9".**

**NEW SECTION. Section 13. SAVING CLAUSE. [THIS ACT] DOES NOT AFFECT RIGHTS AND DUTIES THAT MATURED BEFORE [THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT].**

**NEW SECTION. Section 14. Severability.** If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

**NEW SECTION. Section 15. CONTINGENT VOIDNESS. (1) IF A FEDERAL AGENCY HAVING GRANTING AUTHORITY OVER THE PROGRAM NOTIFIES THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES THAT A PROVISION OF [THIS ACT] DOES NOT COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS, THEN THAT PROVISION IS VOID.**

**(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL NOTIFY THE CODE COMMISSIONER OF**

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Drafter: Sue O'Connell, 406-444-3597

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1 ANY OCCURRENCE OF THE CONTINGENCY AND THE PROVISIONS OF [THIS ACT] TO WHICH THE CONTINGENCY APPLIES.

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