



AN ACT ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPERVISORS IN THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 52-2-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

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

**Section 1.** Section 52-2-111, MCA, is amended to read:

**"52-2-111. Administrative duties of department.** (1) Subject to the authority and regulations of the department and in cooperation with the federal government, the department shall:

~~(1)~~(a) adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this part; and

~~(2)~~(b) administer or supervise all child welfare services of the state.

(2) The department division responsible for administering child welfare services shall require all employees hired as district supervisors or supervisors of field staff to complete annual child welfare supervisory training.

(3) The annual child welfare supervisory training may be made available to qualifying child protection specialists who demonstrate an interest and aptitude in becoming a supervisor in the child protection system."

**Section 2. Transition.** To implement the provisions of [this act]:

(1) all division employees who are in supervisory positions on [the effective date of this act] shall complete an initial annual child welfare supervisory training within 1 year of [the effective date of this act]; and

(2) all department employees who are hired after [the effective date of this act] to fill a supervisory position shall complete an initial annual child welfare supervisory training within 1 year of the date of hiring.

(3) The department shall update the children, families, health, and human services interim committee during the 2021-2022 interim on its progress in complying with the provisions of [this act].

**Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2021.

**Section 4. Applicability.** [Section 1] applies to individuals hired for supervisory positions on or after July 1, 2021.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 416, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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