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1 SENATE BILL NO. 163

2 INTRODUCED BY D. LENZ

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM WITHIN THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT CHILD PROTECTIVE
6 SERVICES ACTIVITIES; ~~DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AND~~
7 ~~TO DETERMINE QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS, AND TRAINING FOR THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM;~~
8 EXTENDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT TO THE
9 CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE."

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

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13 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Volunteer program -- rulemaking -- report. (1) There is established
14 within the department a volunteer program to support child protective services activities. Volunteers must be 18
15 years of age or older. Volunteers are not salaried employees and are not entitled to wages and benefits. ~~The~~
16 ~~department may reimburse volunteers for uncompensated out of pocket expenses, including but not limited to~~
17 ~~expenditures for transportation, food, and lodging.~~

18 (2) The department shall, by administrative rule:

19 (a) ~~establish volunteer positions, which may include but are not limited to clerical, transportation,~~
20 ~~administrative, or professional positions~~ establish a registration portal for volunteers interested in supporting
21 child protective services activities, including those related to child abuse and neglect prevention, family support,
22 and reunification; and

23 (b) ~~determine the qualifications and requirements for volunteering~~ develop a process for referring
24 potential volunteers to faith-based and community-based organizations offering volunteer opportunities that
25 support child protective services activities, including those related to child abuse and neglect prevention, family
26 support, and reunification;

27 (c) ~~provide for the supervision of volunteers; and~~

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1 ~~(d) — create a training program for volunteers.~~

2 (3) In accordance with 5-11-210, the department shall report to the children, families, health, and
3 human services interim committee regarding the department's efforts under this section.

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5 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
6 integral part of Title 41, chapter 3, part 1, and the provisions of Title 41, chapter 3, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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