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1 SENATE BILL NO. 186

2 INTRODUCED BY D. LENZ

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
5 HUMAN SERVICES TO COMPLETE THE COMPREHENSIVE CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEM
6 BY THE END OF FISCAL YEAR ~~2025~~ 2027; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 WHEREAS, a well-operating child protective services system relies on accurate and effective
9 information and communication; and

10 WHEREAS, child protective services situations are highly emotional and deserve a rapid and
11 professional response that can be facilitated by a comprehensive, up-to-date computer system; and

12 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Human Services declared its intent to build a
13 comprehensive child welfare information system in 2018 but has delayed implementation of the system due to
14 other information technology needs.

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

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18 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Direction to department of public health and human services. The
19 legislature directs the department of public health and human services to:

20 (a) complete its planned development of a comprehensive child welfare information system no
21 later than June 20, ~~2025~~ 2027; and

22 (b) allocate the resources necessary to complete the system by that date.

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24 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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