

1 SENATE BILL NO. 163

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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
21 SUPPORTING CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
22 PREVENTION, FAMILY SUPPORT, AND REUNIFICATION; AND

23 (b) ~~determine the qualifications and requirements for volunteering~~ DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR
24 REFERRING POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS TO FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING VOLUNTEER
25 OPPORTUNITIES THAT SUPPORT CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO CHILD ABUSE
26 AND NEGLECT PREVENTION, FAMILY SUPPORT, AND REUNIFICATION;

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

28 (d) ~~create a training program for volunteers.~~

