

1 **** BILL NO. ****
2 INTRODUCED BY ****
3 BY REQUEST OF THE ****
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MISSING PERSONS RESPONSE TEAM
6 TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM; CREATING THE MISSING PERSONS RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING
7 GRANT PROGRAM ACCOUNT; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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11 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Missing persons response team training grant program. (1) There is
12 a missing persons response team training grant program administered by the department of justice. The
13 purpose of the grant program is to help fund training opportunities for community-based missing persons
14 response teams.

15 (2) Eligible teams may be multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional and include other community entities
16 and volunteers. Eligible teams shall:

- 17 (a) establish memorandums of understanding between the involved entities;
- 18 (b) develop operational procedures and criteria under which a team activation can occur; and
- 19 (c) participate in a community action planning effort conducted in accordance with department
20 guidelines.

21 (3) Eligible training expenses include but are not limited to the licensing costs of a training program,
22 facilitator and conference location fees, and travel expenses for training staff and trainees.

23 (4) The department shall report on the grants awarded pursuant to this section to the state-tribal
24 relations committee provided for in 5-5-229 by July 1 prior to each regular legislative session.
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26 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Missing persons response team training grant account. (1) There is
27 a missing persons response team training grant account in the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-
28 102. The account is administered by the department of justice.

1 (2) Money transferred from any lawful source, including but not limited to gifts, grants, donations,
2 securities, or other assets, public or private, may be deposited in the account.

3 (3) Money deposited in the account must be used pursuant to [section 1].

4 (4) Up to 10% of the funds deposited in the missing persons response team grant state special revenue
5 account each year may be used for administrative costs by the department.

6 (5) Interest and income earned on the account and any unspent or unencumbered money in the
7 account at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the account.

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9 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Transfer of funds.** By July 15, 2020, the state treasurer shall transfer
10 \$61,000 from the state general fund to the missing persons response team training grant account established in
11 [section 2].

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13 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriation.** For the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, there is
14 appropriated \$61,000 from the missing persons response team training grant account established in [section 2]
15 to the department of justice for the purposes described in [section 1].

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17 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. {standard} Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state
18 shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the
19 Little Shell Chippewa tribe.

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21 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 through 2] are intended to be
22 codified as an integral part of Title 44, chapter 2, part 4, and the provisions of Title 44, chapter 2, part 4, apply
23 to [sections 1 through 2].

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25 **NEW SECTION. Section 7. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2021.

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