

1 remove jurisdictional barriers and increase reporting and investigation of missing indigenous persons.

2 (4) ~~(a) The task force members must be appointed within 60 days after May 8, 2019.~~ A vacancy on
3 the task force must be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

4 ~~(b) The task force shall develop and finalize the looping in native communities network grant
5 application and award criteria no later than October 15, 2019.~~

6 ~~(c) The task force shall select the recipient of the looping in native communities network competitive
7 grant under 44-2-412(2) and disburse the grant funds no later than March 15, 2020.~~

8 ~~(d) The task force must select eligible grantees and disburse funds for any grants awarded pursuant
9 to 44-2-412(3) by June 30, 2020.~~

10 ~~(e) The task force shall convene at least one meeting with tribal and local law enforcement agencies,
11 federally recognized tribes, and urban Indian organizations for the purposes of subsection (3)(b) and to
12 determine the scope of the problem of missing indigenous women and children.~~

13 ~~(f) (5) The task force shall prepare a written report of findings and recommendations for submission to
14 the state-tribal relations interim committee provided for in 5-5-229, no later than September 1, 2020. The report
15 must include a recommendation to the 67th legislature as to whether the task force should continue in
16 existence by July 1 prior to each regular legislative session. (Terminates June 30, 2021 sec. 8, Ch. 373, L.
17 2019.)"~~

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19 **Section 2.** Section 44-2-412, MCA, is amended to read:

20 **"44-2-412. (Temporary) Looping in native communities network grant program.** (1) There is a
21 looping in native communities network grant program. The program is established to create a network in
22 support of efforts by Montana tribes to identify, report, and find Native American persons who are missing. The
23 grant program is administered by the missing indigenous persons task force established in 44-2-411.

24 (2) The grant program includes a competitive grant to be awarded to ~~one tribal college~~ a tribal entity
25 to create and administer a central administration point for the looping in native communities network. The
26 missing indigenous persons task force shall develop the application and the criteria to award the grant to a
27 tribal college. The criteria must include:

28 (a) policies and standards for technology and equipment, including data storage and security of

- 1 information entered into the network;
- 2 (b) standards for data verification;
- 3 (c) job qualifications and requirements for a data specialist to administer the network;
- 4 (d) development of a system to provide automatic initial alerts ~~pursuant~~ to law enforcement, agencies
- 5 and tribal, and community organizations when a missing indigenous person report is made, including
- 6 determining which law enforcement agencies will receive the automatic initial alert;
- 7 (e) development of a standard reporting form that includes space to provide the information specified
- 8 in subsection (4) to be used by the data specialist; and
- 9 (f) administrative rights for a designee at each participating tribal agency.
- 10 (3) The grant program may include additional smaller, noncompetitive grants to be awarded to a
- 11 qualifying tribal agency at each reservation that submits a complete application. The purpose of the grants
- 12 awarded under this subsection is to provide matching funds for some or all of the costs required for the tribal
- 13 agency to set up and maintain access to the looping in native communities network.
- 14 (4) The standard reporting form required under subsection (2)(e) must allow a data specialist to enter
- 15 information about the missing indigenous person, including but not limited to the missing person's:
- 16 (a) name and any aliases or nicknames;
- 17 (b) gender, age, height, weight, and other physical descriptive characteristics;
- 18 (c) last known location and related information, including the date of last contact with the missing
- 19 indigenous person and the person with whom the missing indigenous person last made contact; and
- 20 (d) photographs, including photographs obtained from an online or social media profile. (Terminates
- 21 June 30, 2021--sec. 8, Ch. 373, L. 2019.)"

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23 **Section 2.** Section 8, Chapter 373, Laws of 2019, is amended to read:

24 **"Section 8. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, ~~2024~~ 2023."

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26 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Transfer of funds.** By July 15, 2021, the state treasurer shall transfer

27 \$25,000 from the state general fund to the looping in native communities network state special revenue account

28 established in 44-2-413.

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NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$50,000 from the looping in native communities network state special revenue account established in 44-2-413 to the missing indigenous persons task force established in 44-2-411 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, for the purposes of providing matching funds to tribal agencies to implement the looping in native communities network grant program established in 44-2-412. Any funds that are unencumbered by June 30, 2023, must revert to the general fund.

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NEW SECTION. Section 5. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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