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HOUSE BILL NO. 479

INTRODUCED BY J. READ, B. KEENAN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ASSUME LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES ON THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

(Refer to Introduced Bill)

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Assumption of law enforcement activities.** The department of justice is authorized to enter into a memorandum of understanding or other binding contract with Lake County for Lake County to assume law enforcement activities on the Flathead Indian reservation.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$27,500,000 from the general fund to the department of justice for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, to reimburse Lake County for assuming law enforcement activities on the Flathead Indian reservation.

**NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

**NEW SECTION. Section 4. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2028.

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