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HOUSE BILL NO. 872

INTRODUCED BY B. KEENAN, L. JONES, J. ESP, C. SPRUNGER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS; ESTABLISHING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMISSION; OUTLINING THE DUTIES AND ROLE OF THE ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMISSION; ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT; PROVIDING FOR A PRESENTATION OF THE ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATOR INPUT; PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY APPROVE OR MODIFY THE RECOMMENDATIONS; PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS; ~~PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION;~~ AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Behavioral health system for future generations ~~advisory~~**

commission. (1) There is a behavioral health system for future generations ~~advisory~~ commission.

(2) The ~~advisory~~ commission consists of:

(a) the sponsor of [this act];

~~two senators, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the committee on committees;~~

~~(b) two representatives, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house; and~~

~~(c)(b) three members, including the director of the department of public health and human services, appointed by the governor; and~~

(c) seven legislators, four from the majority party, and three from the minority party.

(3) For legislative appointments, ~~legislators serving as members of the legislative finance committee, the health and human services interim budget committee provided for in 5-12-501, and the children, families, health, and human services interim committee from the 2025 biennium are given preference the~~

1 sponsor shall confer with the speaker of the house and the president of the senate.

2 (4) Appointed members of the advisory commission must be compensated and receive travel
3 expenses as provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at commission meetings or in the performance
4 of any duty or service as a commission member.

5 (5) The department of public health and human services shall staff the advisory commission.

6 (6) The advisory commission shall elect a chair from the legislative branch. The director of the
7 department of public health and human services shall serve as the vice chair.

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9 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Commission -- meetings -- recommendations.** (1) The advisory
10 commission shall recommend how funds allocated to the department of public health and human services
11 through the state special revenue fund established in [section 3] are expended.

12 (2) The advisory commission shall hold its first meeting no later than August 1, 2023, and set its
13 future meeting dates.

14 (3) The advisory commission shall reserve time at each commission meeting for stakeholder
15 engagement and public comment. Public participation is encouraged.

16 (4) The advisory commission shall submit a report of its recommendations to the office of budget
17 and program planning and to the legislative fiscal analyst by May 1, 2024. The report must include the
18 following:

19 (a) initiatives that address behavioral health;

20 (b) initiatives that assist those with developmental disabilities; and

21 (c) the amount of funding required for the initiatives.

22 (5) Within 60 days of submitting its recommendations to the office of budget and program planning
23 and the legislative fiscal analyst, the advisory commission, in cooperation with the department of public health
24 and human services, shall present the recommendations to the following legislative committees, who shall meet
25 jointly:

26 (a) the legislative finance committee;

27 (b) the health and human services interim budget committee provided for in 5-12-501; and

28 (c) the children, families, health, and human services interim committee.

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1 provided under the energy conservation program guidelines must be used to offset or add to the authorized
2 funding for the project, and the amount must be dependent on the annual utility savings resulting from the
3 capital project. The department of public health and human services must be notified of potential funding after
4 the review and is obligated to utilize the state building energy conservation program funding, if available.

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6 ~~NEW SECTION. Section 9. Legislative consent. The appropriation authorized in [section 6]~~
7 ~~constitutes legislative consent for the capital project contained in [section 6] within the meaning of 18-2-102.~~

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9 NEW SECTION. Section 9. Codification instruction. [Section 3] is intended to be codified as an
10 integral part of Title 50, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 50, chapter 1, part 1, apply to [section 3].

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12 NEW SECTION. Section 10. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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14 NEW SECTION. Section 11. Termination. [Sections 1 and 2] terminate July 1, 2025.

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