HOUSE BILL NO. 366

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION TO REIMBURSE LAKE COUNTY FOR CONSENTING TO ASSUME FELONY CRIMINAL JURISDICTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) The following money is appropriated from the general fund to the department of justice to reimburse Lake County for consenting to assume felony criminal jurisdiction over any member of a federally recognized tribe and over Indian territory of the Flathead Indian reservation:

Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 $2.5 million

Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 $2.5 million

(2) The legislature intends that the appropriation in this section is considered part of the ongoing base for the next biennium and every biennium until the state retrocedes from Public Law 280.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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