

HOUSE BILL NO. 583

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEASURING OUTCOMES IN THE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 53-21-508, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 53-21-508, MCA, is amended to read:

"53-21-508. Monitoring of children's mental health outcomes -- report. (1) ~~The~~ Each September and March, the department shall ~~monitor the status of~~ measure factors, specific to a point in time, for children receiving targeted case management services in the state-funded children's mental health system ~~each fiscal year~~ to determine ~~whether, after receiving services, the children are able to~~ the effect of the services on the likelihood the children will remain at home, in school, and out of trouble.

(2) The department shall monitor the following factors to determine whether children receiving targeted case management services are able to ~~return to or~~ remain at home:

~~(a) whether a child remained in the home while receiving services or returned to the home after receiving out-of-home services;~~

~~(b)~~ (a) the number of children placed in out-of-home mental health treatment, including the level and type of care and whether the treatment is provided in state or out of state; and

~~(c)~~ (b) the number of children ~~who were~~ placed in ~~or left~~ a foster care setting, including kinship care, or a correctional setting; and

~~(d) the number and types of home and community-based services that children received.~~

(3) The department shall ~~work with schools to monitor, to the extent possible,~~ monitor the following factors related to the school success of a child receiving targeted case management services:

(a) the number of children ~~who did not return to or dropped out of school~~ enrolled in and attending school; and

(b) the number of children who ~~did not advance~~ advanced to the next grade level from the previous school year.



1           (4) The department shall ~~work with the juvenile justice system to monitor, to the extent possible,~~ the  
2 following additional factors ~~related to whether a child~~ for children receiving targeted case management services  
3 ~~has remained out of trouble after receiving mental health services:~~

4           (a) the number of children receiving treatment for substance use;

5           **(b) the number of children screened for substance use disorders by the current case management**  
6 **provider;**

7           ~~(b)(c)~~ the number of children ~~referred to~~ involved, formally or informally, with youth court; and

8           ~~(e)(d)~~ the number of children ~~who completed~~ in care or treatment related to suicide risk.

9           (5) The department shall report annually to the children, families, health, and human services interim  
10 committee and to the legislature as provided in 5-11-210 on the information required under this section."

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12           **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2019.

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