

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 604

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
6 HUMAN SERVICES TO CREATE A STRATEGIC PLAN TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND PREVENTION
7 SERVICES."

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

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11 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Strategic plan for developing and expanding prevention services --**
12 **report to legislature.** (1) By August 15, 2020, the department shall develop a strategic plan to apply for and
13 utilize funding available under the Family First Prevention Services Act, Title VII of Public Law 115-123. The plan
14 must review factors and propose strategies specific to Montana's urban and rural areas, as well as the state's
15 Indian communities and reservations.

16 (2) The plan must:

17 (a) adopt definitions for integral Family First Prevention Services Act terms, including but not limited to:

18 (i) adverse childhood experiences;

19 (ii) prevention services;

20 (iii) trauma; and

21 (iv) trauma-informed care;

22 (b) inventory existing programs to determine whether existing programs or components of existing
23 programs would qualify for Family First Prevention Services Act funding or could be adapted to qualify for funding;

24 (c) review research and programs from other states related to prevention services and trauma-informed
25 care;

26 (d) evaluate need and capacity for new prevention-focused services in Montana; and

27 (e) draft an evidence-based, trauma-informed plan for providing prevention services in Montana to be
28 used in applying for Family First Prevention Services Act funding in 2021.

29 (3) The department shall involve a variety of stakeholders in the development of the strategic plan.

30 (4) The department shall provide a copy of the strategic plan to the children, families, health, and human

1 services interim committee and the legislative finance committee by September 15, 2020.

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
4 integral part of Title 52, chapter 2, and the provisions of Title 52, chapter 2, apply to [section 1].

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