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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRIBAL RELATIONS MANAGEMENT TEAM;
5 AND PROVIDING DUTIES FOR TEAM MEMBERS."

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

9 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Tribal relations management team. (1) There is a tribal relations
10 management team in the department of public health and human services that consists of a tribal relations
11 manager and a director of American Indian health.

12 (2) The tribal relations manager:

13 (a) serves as the lead communicator to tribal governments, the federal government, and other
14 tribal health partners in support of the department's government-to-government relationship;

15 (b) provides advice and guidance to assist in educating, informing, and supporting department
16 leaders as they integrate work with tribal communities and governments;

17 (c) provides guidance and assistance to department staff in the creation of policy and programs
18 that involve collaborative work with tribes;

19 (d) assists in organizing and facilitating formal tribal consultations, including requirements pursuant
20 to 2-15-141 through 2-15-143;

21 (e) coordinates and finalizes the annual tribal relations report to the governor required in 2-15-143;
22 and

23 (f) carries out other duties as determined by the
24 director of American Indian health pursuant to subsection (3).

25 (3) The director of American Indian health:

26 (a) identifies sources of disparities in health, lifespans, and other health outcomes that exist

27 between Indian and non-Indian populations in the state;

1 tribal health issues; and

2 (c) carries out other duties as determined by the department, except for those assigned to the
3 tribal relations manager pursuant to subsection (2).

4 (4) The tribal relations manager and director of American Indian health may coordinate and
5 collaborate to carry out their duties, but the positions may not be held by the same individual.

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7 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a
8 copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
11 integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 22, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 22, apply to [section 1].

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