

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DIRECTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
5 HUMAN SERVICES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FAMILY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES
6 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN PROGRAM CAPACITY; REQUIRING REPORTING TO THE
7 LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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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. Direction to the department in administering the family education**

12 **and support services program.** (1) The department of public health and human services shall adjust its
13 capacity by July 1, 2026, to meet the demand of all qualified families applying to the family education and
14 support services program authorized under 53-20-205.

15 (2) The department shall report annually to the children, families, health, and human services
16 interim committee in accordance with 5-11-210 on:

17 (a) how participating families are benefitting from the program;

18 (b) the ability of the program to prepare and position the family to better use future state health
19 care programs; and

20 (c) the aggregated comparative experiences of families who receive program services compared
21 with families who do not.

22 (3) It is the intent of the legislature that the program serve a similar number of qualified families as
23 were served in fiscal year 2016.

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

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27 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2027.

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