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7	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRIBAL RELATIONS MANAGEMENT TEAM IN		
8	THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; AND PROVIDING DUTIES FOR TEAM		
9	MEMBERS."		
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11	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:		
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13	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Tribal relations management team. (1) There is a tribal relations		
14	management team in the department of public health and human services that consists of a tribal relations		
15	manager and a director of American Indian health.		
16	(2) The tribal relations manager:		
17	(a) serves as the lead communicator to tribal governments, the federal government, and other		
18	tribal health partners in support of the department's government-to-government relationship;		
19	(b) provides advice and guidance to assist in educating, informing, and supporting department		
20	leaders as they integrate work with tribal communities and governments;		
21	(c) provides guidance and assistance to department staff in the creation of policy and programs		
22	that involve collaborative work with tribes;		
23	(d) assists in organizing and facilitating formal tribal consultations, including requirements pursuant		
24	to 2-15-141 through 2-15-143;		
25	(e) coordinates and finalizes the annual tribal relations report to the governor required in 2-15-143;		
26	and		
27	(f) carries out other duties as determined by the department, except for those assigned to the		
28	director of American Indian health pursuant to subsection (3).		



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1	(3)	The director of American Indian health:	
2	(a)	identifies sources of disparities in health, lifespans, and other health outcomes that exist	
3	between Indian and non-Indian populations in the state;		
4	(b)	develops strategies for improving health equity while providing a forum for addressing state-	
5	tribal health issues; and		
6	(C)	carries out other duties as determined by the department, except for those assigned to the	
7	tribal relations manager pursuant to subsection (2).		
8	(4)	The tribal relations manager and director of American Indian health may coordinate and	
9	collaborate to carry out their duties, but the positions may not be held by the same individual.		
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11	NEW S	SECTION. Section 2. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a	
12	copy of [this ac	t] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.	
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14	NEW S	SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an	
15	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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