

**Proposal for Legislation -- 2011**  
Re: Expedited Relative Notification

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1. **What is the problem or issue?** Expedited relative notification when a child enters foster care: The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 requires, in part, that CFSD must exercise due diligence to identify and notify all adult relatives of a child's removal from his/her home within 30 days of that removal.
  
2. **What do you want the legislation to do?** Provide authority in Montana's statutes for CFSD staff to notify identified relatives as quickly as possible after the removal, in conformance with federal law.
  
3. **If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.**  
  
Mont. Code Ann. §§ 41-3-301 and 427.
  
4. **If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose?**  
  
N/A
  
5. **Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.** Unknown