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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the *****

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act transferring money from the state general fund to the endowment for children; and providing an immediate effective date."

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2-15-2214, MCA, there is a Montana Children's Trust Fund Board, established in 1985, consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor for 3-year terms; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 52-7-105, MCA, there is within the permanent fund type an endowment for children that provides a permanent source of funding for use by the Montana Children's Trust Fund Board to support the broad range of child abuse and neglect prevention programming provided for in section 52-7-101, MCA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 52-7-105, MCA, the State Treasurer must receive and shall deposit money in the endowment, the Board of Investments shall invest the money in the endowment, and only interest generated by the endowment is available for expenditure by the Montana Children's Trust Fund Board; and

WHEREAS, the Montana children's trust fund program has served at-risk children and families statewide by providing a broad range of child abuse and neglect primary prevention programming, the main focus being parent education; and

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WHEREAS, the state child protective services system is overburdened by increasing caseloads and has limited financial and human resources to serve the critical cases coming into the system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Fund transfer.** There is transferred \$10 million for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, from the state general fund to the endowment for children established under 52-7-105.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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