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\*\*\*\* Bill No. \*\*\*\*

Introduced By \*\*\*\*\*

By Request of the \*\*\*\*\*

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act appropriating temporary assistance for needy families funds for grants to programs that provide out-of-school food support activities to eligible children; and providing an effective date."

WHEREAS, during the 2010-2011 interim, the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee examined a number of issues related to childhood hunger as well as ways to alleviate hunger and improve access to nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, organizations from around the state provided the committee with information on existing programs to alleviate childhood hunger and ideas for supplementing those efforts; and

WHEREAS, the ending fund balance for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families federal block grant is estimated to be nearly \$31.36 million as of June 30, 2013;

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Grants for out-of-school food support activities.** There is appropriated \$25,000 to the department of public health and human services from the temporary assistance for needy families block grant in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, for grants to support activities

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that provide children with nutritious food in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) The department of public health and human services shall make individual grants of up to \$5,000 in each fiscal year to public or private programs that alleviate childhood hunger and improve access to nutritious foods for children. The grants must be used for activities that:

(a) are allowed under the temporary assistance for needy families program; and

(b) serve children eligible for the temporary assistance for needy families program.

(3) Grants may be made to provide food in the home setting or in any other setting in which a child spends time outside of regular school hours.

(4) (a) The department of public health and human services shall develop guidelines for accepting grant proposals and awarding grants.

(b) The department shall establish a process for notifying potential interested parties about the grant program and soliciting suggestions for the design of the grant program.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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