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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 817
2 INTRODUCED BY J. FITZPATRICK
3 BY REQUEST OF THE (H) APPROPRIATIONS
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS; PROVIDING FUNDING
6 FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING AND WORKFORCE INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR CONTINGENT
7 VOIDNESS; PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
8 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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12 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Definitions. As used in [sections 1 through 5], unless the context clearly
13 indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:

14 (1) "Authority only" means approval provided by the legislature to expend money that does not
15 require an appropriation, including grants, donations, auxiliary funds, proprietary funds, nonstate funds, and
16 university funds.

17 (2) "Capital development" means capital projects provided for in 17-7-201(2).

18 (3) "Capital project" means the planning, design, renovation, construction, alteration, replacement,
19 furnishing, repair, improvement, site, utility, or land acquisition project provided for in [sections 1 through 5].

20 (4) "LRBP capital development" or "LRBP CD" means the long-range building program capital
21 developments account in the capital projects fund type provided for in 17-7-209.

22 (5) "LRBP major repair" or "LRBP MR" means the long-range building program major repair
23 account in the capital projects fund type provided for in 17-7-221.

24 (6) "Major repair" means capital projects provided for in 17-7-201(7).

25 (7) "Other funding sources" means money other than LRBP money, state special revenue, or
26 federal special revenue that accrues to an agency under the provisions of law.
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1 through 5] constitute legislative consent for the capital projects contained in [sections 1 through 5] within the
2 meaning of 18-2-102.

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4 **NEW SECTION. Section 7. Workforce housing appropriations -- eligible uses of funds.** There is
5 appropriated \$13 million from the general fund to the board of investments for the biennium beginning July 1,
6 2023. The purpose of the funds is to advance the construction of workforce housing of employees who work at
7 facilities that house state inmates or behavioral health patients.

8 (2) Funds must be distributed to those living in counties that have a population of less than 15,000
9 inhabitants that are located within a 30-mile radius of a state-owned facility that, on an annual average, houses
10 at least 100 state inmates or behavioral health patients, and the facility is located in a county that has a
11 population that does not exceed 15,000 inhabitants. The distribution must be made pro rata based on the
12 annual average facility population for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and the number of workers residing
13 in each eligible county.

14 (3) Eligible uses of the funds include:

15 (a) buying down construction interest on employee housing; or

16 (b) providing funds to discount housing costs to employees who work in facilities that house, on an
17 annual average, at least 100 state inmates or behavioral health patients, and the facility is located in a county
18 that has a population that does not exceed 15,000 inhabitants.

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20 **NEW SECTION. Section 8. Workforce housing appropriations for infrastructure.** (1) There is
21 appropriated \$12 million from the general fund to the board of investments for the biennium beginning July 1,
22 2023. The purpose of the funds is to make loans or other financial arrangements for the construction of
23 infrastructure for workforce housing of employees who work at state-owned facilities that house state inmates
24 or behavioral health patients.

25 (2) The board of investments may make loans from the appropriations to an eligible government
26 unit as defined in 17-5-1604 or an applicant for residential development located within an area that meets the
27 criteria of subsection (4) to cover the costs of demolition or expanding or extending water, wastewater, storm

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1 water, street, road, curb, gutter, and sidewalk infrastructure to serve new or rehabilitated residential
2 development.

3 (3) For the costs of an infrastructure project to be eligible to be paid by the proceeds of a loan or
4 bonds or other securities of an eligible government unit as defined in 17-5-1604, the infrastructure project must
5 provide for residential development at a minimum gross density of 10 units for each acre.

6 (4) Funds must be loaned to those living in counties that have a population of less than 15,000
7 inhabitants that are located within a 30-mile radius of a state-owned facility that, on an annual average, houses
8 at least 100 state inmates or behavioral health patients, and the facility is located in a county that has a
9 population that does not exceed 15,000 inhabitants.

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11 **NEW SECTION. Section 9. Appropriations.** There is appropriated \$3,942,000 from the general fund
12 to the department of corrections in each fiscal year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, to contract with core
13 civic to obtain 120 beds at its Arizona facility.

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15 **COORDINATION SECTION. Section 10. Coordination instruction.** (1) If both House Bill No. 5 and
16 [this act] are passed and approved and any project in [this act] is also fully funded by an appropriation in House
17 Bill No. 5, then the appropriation for the project in House Bill No. 5 is void.

18 (2) If both House Bill No. 819 and [this act] are passed and approved and House Bill No. 819
19 contains at least \$25 million targeted to workforce housing, then [sections 7 and 8 of this act] are void.

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21 **NEW SECTION. Section 11. Severability.** If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are
22 severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications,
23 the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

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25 **NEW SECTION. Section 12. Contingent voidness.** If both [this act] and Senate Bill No. 95 are
26 passed and approved and [this act] does not provide for an appropriation of at least \$3,942,000 from the
27 general fund in each fiscal year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, to the department of corrections to

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 13. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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