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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1330, L.D. 1793, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Health and Social Services Transition Team"

Amend the amendment in Part A by striking out all of sections 7 and 8 and inserting in their place the following:

**Sec. A-7. Expenses and staff.** Members of the team may not receive any per diem or reimbursement for expenses. The team may request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council.

**Sec. A-8. Funds.** If approved by the Legislative Council, the team may accept federal or private grants to carry out the purposes of this Part. Implementation of this Part is contingent upon the team's receipt of adequate federal or private grants. The Legislative Council may not approve the receipt of any funds from organizations that have a conflict of interest in the team's work.

**Sec. A-9. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Part.

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Public Participation Team

All Other \$12,500

Provides funds for the Public Participation Team for contracted facilitators and miscellaneous expenses.'

HOUSE AMENDMENT

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the  
fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

**1994-95**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

Other Funds \$12,500

Part A of this bill includes an Other Special Revenue Fund allocation of \$12,500 in fiscal year 1994-95 for the Public Participation Team for contracted facilitators and miscellaneous team expenses. The costs associated with staffing the team can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources.

Part B provides for a General Fund transfer of \$21,706 from the Department of Human Services and a Federal Expenditure Fund transfer of \$24,526 from the Department of Education to the Executive Department to establish the Interdepartmental Council within the Governor's Office.

The additional costs to collect trauma data can be absorbed by the Emergency Medical Services Board utilizing existing budgeted resources.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

The additional costs to develop and present a plan to consolidate services for people who are homeless can be absorbed by the member agencies of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities utilizing existing budgeted resources.

The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Executive Department will incur some minor additional costs to convene a task force to recommend a plan to consolidate the certain audit functions within an existing agency. These costs can be absorbed within the respective departments' existing budgeted resources.

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The additional costs to examine the feasibility of having the Department of the Attorney General provide administrative hearings that are currently provided by the Department of Human Services can be absorbed by the 2 departments utilizing existing budgeted resources.

Part E of this bill provides for a General Fund transfer of \$566,418 from the Mental Retardation Services - Community program to the Mental Health Services - Children program and a transfer of \$363,282 from the Medicaid Services - Mental Retardation program to the Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid program to reflect the transfer of responsibility for certain children from the Division of Mental Retardation to the Bureau of Children with Special Needs.

The additional costs to explore joint location upon the expiration of certain leases can be absorbed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

The Department of Administrative and Financial Services will also incur some minor additional costs to prepare and submit the required progress reports. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment removes the General Fund appropriation for the Public Participation Team. The team is authorized to receive federal or private grants to conduct its work. The amendment also replaces the fiscal note.

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