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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1543, L.D. 2170, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Determine the Adequacy of Services to Persons with Mental Retardation"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 5, 6 and 7 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 5. Encouraging fair compensation. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall take all necessary steps to encourage fair compensation for direct care workers employed by community mental retardation services providers, other than intermediate care facilities. The department shall study reimbursement methods for community mental retardation services providers, other than intermediate care facilities, including methods that provide cost-based reimbursement or cost-of-living increases. The department shall report its actions to encourage fair compensation for direct care workers and the results of its findings and any recommendations for action on cost-based reimbursement or cost-of-living increases to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 1999.

Sec. 6. Supplemental budget request. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall request funding in its 2000-2001 supplemental budget request to fund the cost-based reimbursement or cost-of-living salary increase for direct care workers employed by community mental retardation services providers, other than intermediate care facilities, at the amount recommended in the department's January 1, 1999 report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.'

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FISCAL NOTE

This amendment reduces the General Fund impact of the bill by \$2,445,282 by eliminating the requirement for a cost-of-living adjustment and removing the General Fund appropriations and Federal Expenditure Fund allocation contained in the bill.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the provision that required an increase in base pay and a 3% cost-of-living increase for certain direct care workers employed by community mental retardation services providers. It directs the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to request supplemental funding for cost-based reimbursement or cost-of-living increase during the 2000-2001 biennium.

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