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Senator Barto: Representative Cook

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Appropriations; department of economic security;
3 intellectual and developmental disabilities;
4 provider rate increases; reports

5 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the following
6 sources in the following fiscal years to the department of economic
7 security to provide reimbursement rate increases for services to
8 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities:

9 1. \$30,000,000 from the state general fund and \$_____ in
10 medicaid expenditure authority in fiscal year 2022-2023.

11 2. \$_____ from the state general fund and \$_____ in medicaid
12 expenditure authority in fiscal year 2023-2024.

13 3. \$_____ from the state general fund and \$_____ in
14 medicaid expenditure authority in fiscal year 2024-2025.

15 B. The department of economic security shall use the fiscal year
16 2019-2020 rate rebase study and the most recent early intervention
17 services rate rebase study required by section 36-2959, Arizona Revised
18 Statutes, to provide reimbursement rate increases for all services
19 provided to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities,
20 including early intervention services, in fiscal years 2022-2023,
21 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 so that each service receives an increase in each
22 of the three fiscal years. The department shall ensure that all
23 reimbursement rates for services provided to individuals with intellectual
24 and developmental disabilities are at least one hundred percent of the
25 benchmark rates by the end of fiscal year 2024-2025, including any
26 adjustment needed to the benchmark rates to account for any increases in
27 minimum wage in fiscal years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, and may
28 exceed the benchmark rate as workforce issues are deemed necessary.
29 Before implementing provider rate increases, the department shall engage
30 community stakeholders regarding the department's plans to increase
31 provider rates.

32 C. On or before September 1 of each fiscal year, the department of
33 economic security shall submit a report to the joint legislative budget
34 committee describing the department's efforts to engage stakeholders and
35 its plans to implement provider rate increases for fiscal years 2022-2023,
36 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

37 Sec. 2. Intent

38 The Legislature intends that services to individuals with
39 intellectual and developmental disabilities be funded at a level to ensure
40 that quality and effective services are adequately available so that
41 individuals who are eligible to receive state services are able to live
42 their most independent life and are cared for by qualified direct care
43 workers. Funding levels should be set so that a direct care worker's
44 compensation reflects the wage assumptions contained in the first version
45 of the 2019-2020 rate rebase study.