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developmental disabilities; provider increases

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# **SENATE BILL 1230**

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

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

5 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the following  
6 sources in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the department of economic security to  
7 provide reimbursement rate increases for services to the following  
8 populations:

9 1. \$28,300,000 from the state general fund and \$65,007,000 in  
10 medicaid expenditure authority for home and community-based services to  
11 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

12 2. \$1,700,000 from the state general fund for individuals in the  
13 early intervention programs pursuant to title 41, chapter 14, article 5,  
14 Arizona Revised Statutes.

15 B. The department of economic security shall provide reimbursement  
16 rate increases for all home and community-based services provided to  
17 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and for early  
18 intervention services in fiscal year 2022-2023 so that each service  
19 receives an increase, except for nursing services and therapy services.  
20 Before implementing provider rate increases, the department shall engage  
21 community stakeholders regarding the department's plans to increase  
22 provider rates.

23 C. For the reimbursement rate increases provided in subsection A,  
24 paragraph 1 of this section, at least eighty percent of the increase for  
25 home and community-based services to individuals with intellectual and  
26 developmental disabilities shall be used for wage increases for direct  
27 care workers and supervisory staff directly overseeing direct care  
28 workers.

29 D. On or before October 1, 2022, the department of economic  
30 security shall submit a report to the joint legislative budget committee  
31 describing the department's efforts to engage stakeholders and its plans  
32 to implement provider rate increases for fiscal year 2022-2023.

33 Sec. 2. Intent

34 The legislature intends that services to individuals with  
35 intellectual and developmental disabilities be funded at a level to ensure  
36 that quality and effective services are adequately available so that  
37 individuals who are eligible to receive state services are able to live  
38 their most independent life and are cared for by qualified direct care  
39 workers.