

REFERENCE TITLE: appropriations; services providers; reimbursement rates.

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Introduced by
Senator Wadsack

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. Appropriations; department of economic security;
3 reimbursement rates; report; intent

4 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the following
5 sources in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the department of economic security to
6 provide reimbursement rate increases for services to the following
7 populations:

8 1. \$13,000,000 from the state general fund and \$_____ in medicaid
9 expenditure authority for home and community-based services to individuals
10 with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

11 2. \$2,000,000 from the state general fund to the state funded
12 Arizona long-term care fund for room and board services for individuals
13 with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

14 B. The department of economic security shall provide reimbursement
15 rate increases for home and community-based services provided to
16 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities so that each
17 service, other than nursing services and therapy services, receives an
18 increase. Before implementing provider rate increases, the department
19 must engage community stakeholders regarding the department's plans to
20 increase the reimbursement rates.

21 C. On or before September 1, 2024, the department of economic
22 security shall report to the joint legislative budget committee the
23 increased provider rates adopted pursuant to this section. The department
24 of economic security shall implement the increased provider rates on or
25 before October 1, 2024.

26 D. The legislature intends that the appropriations made in
27 subsection A of this section be considered ongoing funding in future
28 years.