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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 intellectual and developmental disabilities;
4 provider rate increases; reports

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

9 1. \$50,000,000 from the state general fund and \$166,700,000 in
10 medicaid expenditure authority in fiscal year 2020-2021.

11 2. \$_____ from the state general fund and \$_____ in medicaid
12 expenditure authority in fiscal year 2021-2022.

13 3. \$_____ from the state general fund and \$_____ in medicaid
14 expenditure authority in fiscal year 2022-2023.

15 B. The department of economic security shall use the fiscal year
16 2019-2020 rate rebase study required by section 36-2959, Arizona Revised
17 Statutes, to provide reimbursement rate increases for all services
18 provided to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
19 in fiscal years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 so that each service
20 receives an increase in each of the three fiscal years, unless a service
21 reaches one hundred percent of the benchmark rate. The department shall
22 ensure that all reimbursement rates for services provided to individuals
23 with intellectual and developmental disabilities are at one hundred
24 percent of the benchmark rates by the end of fiscal year 2022-2023,
25 including any adjustment needed to the benchmark rates to account for any
26 increases in minimum wage in fiscal years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and
27 2022-2023. Before implementing provider rate increases, the department
28 shall engage community stakeholders regarding the department's plans to
29 increase provider rates.

30 C. The department of economic security shall submit a report to the
31 joint legislative budget committee on or before September 1 each fiscal
32 year describing its efforts to engage stakeholders and the department's
33 plans to implement provider rate increases for fiscal years 2020-2021,
34 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

35 Sec. 2. Intent

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