

June 12, 2002

S 1369. FUNDS FOR CAP-MR/DD. TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR MENTALLY RETARDED AND DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS (CAP-MR/DD) AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW METHODS OF IMPROVING THE PROGRAM.

Appropriates \$20 million for 2002-2003 from General Fund to Dep't of Health & Human Services to continue services and resume admission of qualified applicants for the CAP-MR/DD program (effective July 1, 2002). Directs the department to review the CAP-MR/DD program and recommend ways to (1) implement recommendations of the Human Resource Research Institute report "Today's Choice: Tomorrow's Path"; (2) use unmatched state funds to expand services; (3) increase the flexibility of the program to provide higher quality services more efficiently; and (4) reduce the waiting list for developmental disabilities services by increasing the use of waiver services. Directs the department to report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services at its first regularly scheduled meeting following adjournment of the 2001 regular session of the General Assembly.

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