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**S 1209. MEDICAID COUNTY SHARE.** Filed 5/9/06. *TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNTY SHARE OF THE NONFEDERAL SHARE OF MEDICAID COSTS FOR THE 2006–2007 FISCAL YEAR SHALL NOT EXCEED THE COUNTY SHARE PAID BY EACH COUNTY FOR THE 2005–2006 FISCAL YEAR; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COVER THE COST TO THE GENERAL FUND OF CAPPING THE COUNTY SHARE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE COUNTY SHARE ON A TARGETED BASIS USING SAVINGS REALIZED FROM THE MEDICARE PART D PROGRAM.* Limits each county's portion of the nonfederal share of Medical Assistance Program costs (excluding administrative costs) for the 2006-07 fiscal year to the amount paid by the county for this purpose in the 2005-06 fiscal year. Appropriates \$30.39 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medical Assistance, for 2006-07 to pay for the resulting cost to the State. Also appropriates \$34.61 million from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Medical Assistance, for 2006-07 to be allocated in designated percentages among classes of counties to reduce the county share of the nonfederal share of Medical Assistance Program expenditures. The amounts appropriated are to be allocated from savings realized from the Medicare Part D federal program for 2006-07. Establishes a Legislative Study Commission on the Elimination of County Financial Participation in Medicaid Services to study and recommend a permanent financing strategy and file a final report with the General Assembly by January 1, 2007. Effective July 1, 2006.  
**Intro. by Purcell, Berger of Franklin.** APPROP, STUDY