moves to amend the bill on page 122, lines 27 – 40, by rewriting the lines to read:

"INCREASE CERTAIN MEDICAID RATES FOR DIRECT CARE WORKER WAGE INCREASES"

SECTION 9D.15.(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to assist in increasing the hourly wages of direct care workers in this State to a minimum of fifteen dollars ($15.00) per hour. To that end, of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), the sum of one hundred sixty million dollars ($160,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be used to provide a rate increase to the following specified Medicaid providers:

(1) Providers who provide services through the following Medicaid waiver programs:
   b. The Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA).
   c. The North Carolina Innovations waiver.
   d. The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) waiver.

(2) Personal care services (PCS) providers.

(3) Intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IIDs), including ICF/IID-level group homes.

(4) Home health providers.

(5) Nursing homes.

(6) Behavioral health residential facilities, including Level III and Level IV residential treatment facilities, psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs), medical management and crisis stabilization facilities, and facilities providing inpatient substance use disorder treatment.

This rate increase shall be effective July 1, 2022, and upon approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Any provider receiving a rate increase under this section shall be required to use at least eighty percent (80%) of the funding that results from that rate increase to increase the rate of pay paid to its direct care employees. This wage increase shall be provided in addition to the rate of pay each employee was receiving as of June 30, 2022. DHB shall determine the amount of the rate increase under this section and the definition of direct care worker to be applied.";
and to further amend the bill on page 122, line 51, by deleting the phrase "ICF/IID";

and to further amend the bill on page 123, lines 13-14, by inserting the following between the lines:

"SECTION 9D.15.(e) Notwithstanding any provision of the Committee Report described in Section 43.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated by this act for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, are increased by one hundred forty-two million five hundred thousand dollars ($142,500,000) in recurring funds to provide the rate increase required by this section.

SECTION 9D.15.(f) Notwithstanding any provision of the Committee Report described in Section 43.2 of this act to the contrary, the unappropriated balance remaining in this act is reduced by one hundred forty-two million five hundred thousand dollars ($142,500,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to provide the rate increase required by this section."

and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

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Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED ____________________________________________

Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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