

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26989

This is an FY 2019 supplemental appropriation bill for the Department of Health and Welfare for the following programs: Adult Mental Health, Foster and Assistance Payments, Benefit Payments, Indirect Support Services, and Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention.

The bill provides \$520,000 to cover the increased contract costs for overseeing substance use services, while also providing offsetting reductions from Indirect Support Services and the Benefit Payments Program for a net zero impact to the General Fund.

The bill also appropriates and transfers \$1,600,000 to the Public Health Districts for the Home Visitation Program. These moneys were offset with existing appropriation from the Adult Mental Health Program. The bill includes language directing the transfer and use of funds for each Public Health District, and requiring a report from the Health Districts on the implementation of the funds.

Finally, the bill reduces the current year appropriation in the Adult Mental Health Program and the Benefit Payments Program by a total of \$2,000,000. The department was not going to be able to use this appropriation in FY 2019, and the funds are being returned to the General Fund to be used for other purposes.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact of this supplemental appropriation bill is a net reduction of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund.

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