

Comparison of House and Senate Special Provisions Related to Article II in Senate Bill 1, April 22, 2021



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Appropriations to the Health and Human Services Commission in Article II of this Act have been adjusted to reflect \$151,242,730 increased Federal Funds and reduced General Revenue Funds due to enhanced matches under the Community First Choice program.

Any other Article II agency is still subject to the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of this provision if any agency expenditures receive an enhanced federal match.

Limitations on Use of Available General Revenue Funds. Notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Section 13.02(a), in the event the actual FMAP and EFMAP should be greater than shown in subsection (a), or the amount of increased Federal Funds and reduced General Revenue Funds due to enhanced matches should be greater than shown in subsection (b), or if any other matching rate becomes more favorable than the rate assumed in the General Appropriations Act, the health and human services agencies in Article II of this Act are authorized to expend the General Revenue Funds thereby made available only with the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and Governor.

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same time, the agency shall provide a copy of the request to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The request shall include the following information, by fiscal year:

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- (4) an estimate of performance levels and, where relevant, a comparison to targets included in this Act; and
- (5) the capital budget and/or full-time equivalent impact.

Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor should be provided in a timely manner. The request and information provided subsequently shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issue a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the proposal to expend the funds and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any requests for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

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Sec. 5. Attorney General

Representation. The Attorney General and the respective head of the Health and Human Services Commission or a health and human services agency listed in Article II of this Act are authorized to use the funds appropriated above to jointly select one or more Assistant Attorneys General to be assigned to the respective agency.

Sec. 6. Limitations on Transfer Authority. Notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, §14.01, Appropriation Transfers, of this Act, the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission is authorized to make transfers of funding and full-time equivalents (FTEs) between all health and human services agencies listed in Article II of this Act,

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