

HOUSE FILE 2492

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COSTS OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION WHOSE SERVICE COSTS ARE A STATE RESPONSIBILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 249A.12, Code Supplement 2005, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 8. If a person with mental retardation has no legal settlement or the legal settlement is unknown so that the person is deemed to be a state case and the services associated with the mental retardation can be covered under a medical assistance program home and community-based services waiver or other medical assistance program provision, the department may transfer moneys to cover the nonfederal share of the medical assistance program costs from an appropriation made for state cases in a particular fiscal year to an appropriation made for the medical assistance program in that same fiscal year. The department shall act expeditiously to

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obtain federal approval for additional waiver slots to cover such state cases beginning at the earliest possible time in the fiscal year, if such approval is necessary,

CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS Speaker of the House

JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2492, Eighty-first General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON

Chief Clerk of the House

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THOMAS J. VILSACK

Governor