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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to state and county funding for mental health and  
2 developmental disability services and providing an  
3 applicability provision.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 331.439, subsection 3, Code Supplement  
2 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 3. a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996, and  
4 succeeding fiscal years, the county's mental health, mental  
5 retardation, and developmental disabilities service  
6 expenditures for a fiscal year are limited to a fixed budget  
7 amount. The fixed budget amount shall be the amount  
8 identified in the county's management plan and budget for the  
9 fiscal year. The county shall be allowed an inflation factor  
10 adjustment for services paid from the county's services fund  
11 under section 331.424A which is in accordance with the  
12 county's management plan and budget, implemented pursuant to  
13 this section.

14 b. Based upon information contained in county management  
15 plans and budgets, the state-county management committee shall  
16 recommend an inflation factor adjustment to the council on  
17 human services by November 15 for the succeeding fiscal year.  
18 The inflation factor adjustment shall address costs associated  
19 with new consumers of service, service cost inflation, and  
20 investments for economy and efficiency. The council on human  
21 services shall recommend to the governor the amount of the  
22 inflation factor adjustment for the succeeding fiscal year.  
23 The governor shall consider the council's recommendation in  
24 developing the governor's recommendation for an inflation  
25 factor adjustment for inclusion in the governor's proposed  
26 budget for the succeeding fiscal year submitted in accordance  
27 with chapter 8.

28 c. If the general assembly has not revised the amount of  
29 the inflation factor adjustment for a fiscal year on the date  
30 county budgets must be approved and levies must be certified  
31 for that fiscal year, the budgets and levies shall utilize the  
32 inflation factor adjustment for that fiscal year recommended  
33 by the governor in the governor's proposed budget.

34 Sec. 2. STATE-COUNTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The state-  
35 county management committee created in section 331.438 shall

1 review the inflation factor adjustment mechanism created in  
2 this Act with attention to the three cost factors incorporated  
3 in the mechanism: new consumers of service, service cost  
4 inflation, and investments for economy and efficiency. The  
5 committee shall make recommendations regarding equity,  
6 administrative simplicity, and distribution issues associated  
7 with implementing the inflation factor adjustment to address,  
8 in an effective manner, the cost factors comprising the  
9 mechanism. The committee's review and recommendations shall  
10 be included in the annual report to be submitted by January 1,  
11 1997, to the governor, general assembly, and department of  
12 human services pursuant to section 331.438.

13 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. The amendment in this Act to  
14 section 331.439, subsection 3, relating to an inflation factor  
15 adjustment, first applies to the budget process for the fiscal  
16 year beginning July 1, 1997.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill relates to state and county funding for mental  
19 health and developmental disability services.

20 Section 331.439, subsection 3, is amended to provide a  
21 methodology for establishing an inflation factor adjustment  
22 for expenditures for the costs of county mental health and  
23 developmental disability services. The state-county  
24 management committee is to make an initial recommendation to  
25 the council on human services which in turn is to make a  
26 recommendation to the governor. The governor is to consider  
27 the council's recommendation in developing the governor's  
28 recommendation for inclusion in the governor's proposed budget  
29 for the succeeding fiscal year unless revised by action of the  
30 general assembly, the governor's budget recommendation for the  
31 inflation factor adjustment is to be used in county budgets  
32 and levies for the succeeding fiscal year. The bill includes  
33 an applicability provision specifying the inflation factor  
34 adjustment first applies to the budget process for the fiscal  
35 year beginning July 1, 1997.

1 The bill directs the state-county management committee to  
2 review the inflation factor adjustment mechanism established  
3 in the bill and to make recommendations. The recommendations  
4 are to be incorporated in the committee's annual report which  
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