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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations to the property tax  
2 relief fund for county mental health, mental retardation, and  
3 developmental disability expenditures and including an  
4 effective date and applicability provision.

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

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SF 34  
APPROPRIATIONS

1 Section 1. Section 426B.1, subsections 2 and 3, Code 1999,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. There is appropriated to the property tax relief fund  
4 for the indicated fiscal years from the general fund of the  
5 state the following amounts:

6 ~~a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995, sixty-one~~  
7 ~~million dollars.~~

8 ~~b. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996, seventy-~~  
9 ~~eight million dollars.~~

10 ~~c. a.~~ For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~1997~~ 1998, and  
11 ~~succeeding fiscal years,~~ ninety-five million dollars.

12 b. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, one hundred  
13 thirty-six million nine hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars.

14 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, one hundred  
15 seventy-eight million eight hundred fifty-four thousand  
16 dollars.

17 d. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and  
18 succeeding fiscal years, two hundred twenty million seven  
19 hundred eighty-two thousand dollars.

20 3. There is annually appropriated from the property tax  
21 relief fund to the department of human services to supplement  
22 the medical assistance appropriation for the fiscal year  
23 beginning July 1, ~~1997~~ 1998, and for succeeding fiscal years,  
24 six million six hundred thousand dollars to be used for the  
25 nonfederal share of the costs of services provided to minors  
26 with mental retardation under the medical assistance program  
27 to meet the requirements of section 249A.12, subsection 4.

28 ~~The appropriation in this subsection shall be charged to the~~  
29 ~~property tax relief fund prior to the distribution of moneys~~  
30 ~~from the fund under section 426B.2 and the amount of moneys~~  
31 ~~available for distribution shall be reduced accordingly.~~

32 ~~However, the appropriation in this subsection shall be~~  
33 ~~considered to be a property tax relief payment for purposes of~~  
34 ~~the combined amount of payments required to achieve fifty~~  
35 ~~percent of the counties' base year expenditures as provided in~~

1 ~~section-426B.2, subsection-2.~~

2 Sec. 2. Section 426B.2, subsection 2, Code 1999, is  
3 amended by striking the subsection.

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY. This Act, being  
5 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment  
6 and is first applicable to county budgets for the fiscal year  
7 beginning July 1, 1999.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill relates to and makes appropriations to the  
10 property tax relief fund for county mental health, mental  
11 retardation, and developmental disability (MH/MR/DD)  
12 expenditures.

13 The bill amends Code section 426B.1, which creates the fund  
14 and provides the standing limited appropriation to the fund.  
15 The amendment incrementally increases the standing limited  
16 appropriation of \$95 million in current law to \$220.78 million  
17 over a three-year period beginning with fiscal year 1999-2000.  
18 In addition, language is stricken in the standing limited  
19 appropriation from the fund for purposes of medical assistance  
20 (Medicaid) that provides for a reduction in the amount  
21 distributed to counties and refers to a 50 percent  
22 appropriation target that is repealed by the bill.

23 Code section 426B.2 is amended to strike a provision which  
24 requires the property tax relief fund distributions to  
25 continue until distributions are equal to 50 percent of the  
26 combined county base year expenditures for MH/MR/DD services.

27 The bill takes effect upon enactment and is first  
28 applicable to county budgets developed for the fiscal year  
29 beginning July 1, 1999.

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