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Overview

This bill exempts counties that overspent their MR/RC waiver allocations in calendar year 2004 or 2005 from paying back to the state the amount of overspending.

The MR/RC waiver provides services for individuals with mental retardation or related conditions who need the same level of care as provided in an ICF/MR.

Each county's waiver allocation is set by DHS for a certain number of slots (base allocation plus any inflation). The MR/RC waiver program is a federal-state funded program, funded with 50 percent federal MA funds and 50 percent state general funds.

The MR/RC waiver slots are currently capped for diversions in fiscal years 2006-2007, which means only a limited number of slots may be allocated for this program during this time period.

Section

- 1** **Repayment delay.** Amends Laws 2006, ch. 282, art. 20, § 37. Exempts counties that overspent its allowed MR/RC waiver program amount in calendar year 2004 or 2005 from paying back the amount of overspending. Current law requires counties that overspent to pay back to the state the amount of overspending by May 31, 2007. Makes this section effective immediately.
- 2** **Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount to the commissioner from the general

Section

fund for the purposes of section 1.