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Overview

This bill modifies the disability waiver rate system (DWRS) by phasing in certain rate reductions for disability waiver services. The DWRS was enacted by the legislature in 2013 in order to comply with federal requirements that MA rates be determined according to a statewide methodology. Prior to the implementation of DWRS, counties contracted with providers and set the rates.

Section

- 1** **Rate stabilization adjustment.** Amends § 256B.4913, subd. 4a. Applies the concepts of the banding period and historical rate to the new subdivision created in section 2. Corrects terminology.
- 2** **Disability waiver rate system phase-in.** Amends § 256B.4913, by adding subd. 4b. Effective the day following the end of the banding period, requires the commissioner to phase-in certain rate reductions for recipients of day services or supported employment services who were receiving a historical rate on July 1, 2017. Requires the commissioner to continue to phase in a recipient's individual reimbursement rate as long as the recipient receives the same or comparable services as the recipient received on December 31, 2018.