

Subject Extended employment services rate increases

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Overview

This bill appropriates money for extended employment services for persons with severe disabilities, including for rate increases for providers of these services. It also requires the commissioner of employment and economic development to provide an annual growth factor adjustment to provider reimbursement rates and to fund those rate increases if funding is sufficient, on top of these rate increases being included in the governor's budget requests.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Provider rate increases.</p> <p>Requires the commissioner of employment and economic development, if sufficient funding is available, to provide for an annual growth factor adjustment of at least three percent for providers of extended employment services and as of July 1, 2023, to increase reimbursement rates by the amount of this adjustment. Stipulates that the commissioner of management and budget must include an annual inflationary adjustment in reimbursement rates for providers as a budget change request in the biennial budget submitted to the legislature.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Extended employment for persons with severe disabilities; appropriation.</p> <p>Appropriates \$11,495,000 each year in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund for extended employment services for persons with severe disabilities, of which \$4,500,000 each year is for making new and maintaining existing rate increases for providers. Appropriates an additional \$6,830,000 each year in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the workforce development fund for extended employment services for persons with severe disabilities.</p> |