



**149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE
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BILL: HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 for HOUSE BILL 104
AS AMENDED BY: HA 1
SPONSOR: Representative M. Smith
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective upon signature of the Governor.
2. This Act mandates that the State of Delaware fund Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) at 100% of the benchmarked rate of the 2014 Market Rate Study in an effort to address recruitment and retention of these positions, decrease staff turnover, and decrease position vacancies.
3. The State of Delaware currently funds providers at 75% of the market rate established in the 2014 study completed by the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS).
4. This Act proposes to phase in a provider rate increase using the January 2014 DDDS DSP rebase report commissioned by the Legislature. The Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Bill funds an increase of \$4,670,800 to the Direct Support Professionals in meeting the benchmarked rate. The out year costs, if funded, total \$22,676,000 to reach 100%.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2019: \$4,670,800 (Appropriated in the FY2019 Appropriations Bill)
Fiscal Year 2020: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2021: Indeterminable

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