

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1166

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after “employees” insert “unless the Governor submits a certain report to the General Assembly”; in line 14, after “8-207,” insert “10-906,”;

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 21, strike “CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION”; and in line 22, after “REGULATIONS” insert “CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION”.

On page 2, after line 4, insert:

“(C) THE ADJUSTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE LESS THAN THE ADJUSTMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE GOVERNOR REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE REASONS FOR THE LOWER COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT.”;

and in line 5, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 10, strike “CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION”; in line 11, after “REGULATIONS” insert “CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION”; after line 22, insert:

“(C) THE ADJUSTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE LESS THAN THE

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ADJUSTMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE GOVERNOR REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE REASONS FOR THE LOWER COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT.”;

and in line 23, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 26, insert:

“10-906.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO ADJUST ANNUALLY, FOR CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING, THE PER DIEM MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION GRANT FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION PROGRAMS AND OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT SERVE INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL DISORDERS.

(B) THE ADJUSTMENT SHALL:

(1) BE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE OF THE ANNUAL INCREASE PROVIDED TO STATE EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE BUDGET;

(2) BE APPLICABLE FOR THE ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR;

(3) BE MADE BEGINNING WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 1998 BASED ON THE TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; AND

(4) BE APPLIED TO ALL PROVIDERS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(C) THE ADJUSTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE LESS THAN THE ADJUSTMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE GOVERNOR REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1312 OF THE

STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE REASONS FOR THE LOWER COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT.

(D) FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO THOSE PROGRAMS.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, in line 28, strike “CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION”; and in line 29, after “REGULATIONS” insert “CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION”.

On page 3, after line 6, insert:

“(C) THE ADJUSTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE LESS THAN THE ADJUSTMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE GOVERNOR REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE REASONS FOR THE LOWER COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT.”;

and in line 7, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”.