

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 598

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 13, after "8-207," insert "10-906."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 28, insert:

"10-906.

(A) CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS 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 1998 FISCAL YEAR BASED ON THE TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; AND

(4) BE APPLIED TO ALL PROVIDERS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDED

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BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(C) 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.”.