

Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 234

(Delegate Hammen, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Finance

Developmental Disabilities Administration - Private Providers - Reporting Requirements

This bill allows the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) to impose a fine on a private, community-based service provider of up to \$500 for each day a provider's cost report for rate-based payment services or a wage survey is not submitted or corrected. DDA may also withhold payments to that provider for failure to submit a cost report or a wage survey within six months from the close of the fiscal year or for one that needs correction.

Private providers are required to submit cost reports to DDA no later than six months after the end of the State fiscal year. Wage surveys are due 60 days after the last day of the pay period for which the data is requested or 60 days after receiving a DDA request for the information, whichever is later.

This bill replaces the reference to a private provider's year-end report with the cost report for rate-based payment systems.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal increase in general fund revenues and decrease in general fund expenditures due to the bill's penalty provisions. DDA anticipates that few, if any, providers would be fined or have payments withheld because of the bill.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal or none. If a small business is fined under the bill's provisions, there would be a meaningful impact on that firm. However, since it is assumed that few, if any, firms will be fined, the bill has minimal or no impact on the industry.

Analysis

Current Law: The Community Services Rate Reimbursement Commission collects community-based service provider wage survey data. The commission is required under statute to assess the relationship of changes in wages paid by providers to changes in rates paid by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Service providers aren't required to submit wage survey data to DDA.

Statute requires providers to submit a year-end report to DDA no later than six months after the end of the State fiscal year.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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