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AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID RATE INCREASES, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

See Fiscal Note Details

The amendment strikes the language in the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact.

The amendment results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with requiring DSS to review Medicaid rates and phase-in increases between FY 26 and FY 30, in accordance with the Medicaid rate study supported by PA 23-186. For context, the study reviewed costs to adjust Medicaid rates to 80% of the Medicare fee schedule and five-state rates for Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Oregon. Based on those factors, state costs are estimated at approximately $150 million when annualized, with additional annual increases incurred to reflect updated fee schedules, benchmarks, increases in the Medicare Economic Index (MEI), or recommendations by the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight's Medicaid Rates Review subcommittee. The actual cost to increase provider rates depends on the methodology used and increases phased-in during the required timeframe.

The amendments makes technical, conforming and other changes that have no fiscal impact.

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