

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN,  
YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Introduced By: Senator Daniel DaPonte

Date Introduced: March 15, 2017

Referred To: Senate Finance

(DCYF)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-72-29.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-72 entitled  
2 "Department of Children, Youth and Families" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**42-72-29.1. Annual increases for children's residential programs.**~~

4 ~~(a) There is a five percent (5%) annual funding increase to provide quality residential~~  
5 ~~programming and treatment for children in out of home care to all department of children, youth,~~  
6 ~~and families contracted residential providers which will be effective for fiscal years 2001 and~~  
7 ~~2002. These annualized increases shall be utilized for direct care staff for the purpose of~~  
8 ~~achieving skill development and improving staff retention rates through measures including pay~~  
9 ~~increases.~~

10 ~~(b) These annualized increases shall not prohibit contracted residential providers from~~  
11 ~~seeking, from the department, increases for other costs as may be required, either individually or~~  
12 ~~collectively, in the future due to clinical, environmental, economic or other factors.~~

13 ~~(c) These annualized increases do not apply to nonresidential programs nor to those~~  
14 ~~programs that do not contract with the state. The department shall report to the general assembly~~  
15 ~~and the chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees not later than April 30, 2001,~~  
16 ~~and April 30, 2002, as to the methods whereby the increased funding was allocated to residential~~  
17 ~~service providers and the extent to which the funding has contributed to positive outcomes for~~  
18 ~~children. In the 2002 report, the department shall have in place and shall describe a performance~~

1 ~~measure system which shall include incentives to residential programs for positive outcomes.~~

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would repeal the provision for annual increases for children's residential  
2 programs.  
3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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