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Special Act No. 18-5

AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM EMPLOYEE WAGES FOR PROVIDERS OF STATE-ADMINISTERED SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may allocate available funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to increase wages of certain employees who provide services to individuals with intellectual disability authorized to receive supports and services through the Department of Developmental Services. The secretary may transfer available funds to the behavioral services program and the employment opportunities and day services accounts of the Department of Developmental Services and the community residential services account of the Department of Social Services.

(b) Not later than December 1, 2018, private providers who provide services to such individuals with intellectual disability authorized to receive supports and services through the Department of Developmental Services shall provide documentation to the secretary that such funds shall only be used for: (1) Increasing the minimum wage of employees to not less than fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents per hour not later than January 1, 2019; and (2) providing a wage

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increase of up to five per cent to employees who earn not less than fourteen dollars and seventy-six cents per hour and not more than thirty dollars per hour not later than January 1, 2019. Within available appropriations, the secretary shall reimburse the private providers for the cost of employer taxes, expansion of benefits and other costs associated with the wage increases.

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