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## OFA Bill Analysis

### SB 1215

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WORKING IN INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

For FY 23, any Department of Developmental Services (DDS) contracted provider who received funds pursuant to PA 21-2, JSS as amended by PA 22-118, for the purpose of wage enhancements and related expenses for employees who provide services to individuals with intellectual disability authorized to receive supports and services through DDS, may use the remaining funding to support their employees who work in Department of Social Services funded Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with Intellectual Disability(ICF/ID). The providers must use the funds for the purpose of the same enhancements received by their DDS contracted employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with Intellectual Disability (ICF/ID)***

ICF/ID is an optional Medicaid benefit that enables states to provide comprehensive and individualized health care and rehabilitation services to individuals to promote their functional status and independence. Although it is an optional benefit, all states offer it, if only as an alternative to home and community-based services waivers for individuals at the ICF/ID level of care.<sup>1</sup>

As of March 6, 2023, there were 66 ICF/IDs run by private providers who provide supports and services to 334 DDS consumers and are

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<sup>1</sup> Medicaid.gov

funded by the Department of Social Services.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 51 Nay 1