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sHB-6707

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE AND  
APPROPRIATING STATE FUNDS FOR INTELLECTUAL  
DISABILITIES AND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER HOUSING  
PROGRAMS AND REENTRY CENTERS.

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$	Outyears \$
Developmental Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	5 million	See Below	See Below
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below	7.8 million total

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

Section 1 authorizes \$5 million in General Obligation bonding in order to provide grants to private nonprofit organizations for supportive housing for persons with intellectual disabilities and or autism spectrum disorder (IDASH), to be administered by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)<sup>1</sup>. To the extent bonds are fully allocated and expended, total debt service is expected to be approximately \$7.8 million over the 20-year duration of the bonds.

As a March 1, 2023, the unallocated balance available for this purpose through the Department of Housing is just over \$1.5 million.

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<sup>1</sup> The DDS Intellectual Disability and Autism Spectrum Disorder Housing (IDASH) program was established to integrate affordable, supportive housing units in larger developments.

Section 2 requires DDS, in collaboration with the Department of Housing and the Department of Correction, to plan, develop and administer a comprehensive program for group homes for persons with intellectual disabilities reentering society from the correctional system. The number of individuals fitting the criteria for the reentry program is not known at this time. The average annual projected cost of a DDS group home residential placement is approximately \$112,000 per person. DDS currently has a waiting list for residential services.<sup>2</sup> Each year there are vacancies in the existing group home inventory that are used to provide services and take individuals off the waiting list.

The bill also requires the program to provide other services including job training and transportation. The average annual projected cost of a DDS employment and day program<sup>3</sup> is approximately \$27,000. This results in an average per person cost of \$139,000 for the services required under the bill. For purposes of an example, for every 10 individuals eligible for the reentry program, the annual cost would be approximately \$1.4 million.

Section 3 of the bill appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to DDS for FY 24 to plan and develop the reentry program. The development of a new group home is estimated to take the agency five years and requires capital costs that cannot be determined at this time. These costs are based on the location and size of the home and the necessary accessibility requirements. Typically group home development requires the use of bond funds.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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<sup>2</sup> As of January 2023, there were 685 individuals on the DDS waiting list who currently receive no residential services and need services.

<sup>3</sup> Day services typically include a day or employment program and transportation. There is currently no DDS waiting list for employment and day services.