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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 23-198—sSB 1215
Appropriations Committee

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

SUMMARY: Existing law requires the Office of Policy and Management, for the FY 22-23 biennium, to allocate available funds to increase rates to state-contracted providers. These providers must in turn use the rate increase to increase wages and benefits for employees serving people with intellectual or other developmental disabilities (IDD) who receive supports and services through the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Under existing law, providers that receive a rate increase but do not increase employee wages by July 31, 2021, and July 31, 2022, may be subject to a rate decrease equal to the adjustment by the DDS commissioner.

This act creates an exception by allowing state-contracted providers who received these funds to use them for FY 23 to increase wages and benefits for employees working in intermediate care facilities serving people with IDD who receive supports and services through DSS. Under the act, providers who do so are not subject to the rate decrease described above.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

Background — Related Act

PA 23-204, § 288, contains identical provisions allowing providers to use these funds in FY 23 to increase wages for employees working in intermediate care facilities serving people with IDD. However, unlike this act, PA 23-204 requires DSS to use funds (up to \$5.6 million) appropriated for Medicaid in the 2022 budget act for this purpose.