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2003-05 Budget Bill Statutory Language Drafting Request

- Topic: Eliminate mandate on funeral and cemetery reimbursement
- Tracking Code: (Assigned by Government Operations Team) BB ~~0390~~ 0391
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- Agency acronym: DHFS
- Agency number: 435

Section 49.785 (1) requires counties to make payments up to certain limits to pay for funeral and cemetery costs for indigent persons. Section 49.785 (2) requires the Department of Health and Family Services to reimburse counties and tribes the amounts specified under (1). The purpose of this draft would be to make the payments under (2) subject to the availability of funding under s. 20.435 (4)(bn), essentially eliminating the requirement that the department reimburse counties for any eligible funeral or burial cost.



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