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Joint Committee on Finance

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Federal Revenue Reestimates (Health Services -- Departmentwide)

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CURRENT LAW

Approximately 50.7% of the total base budget for the Department of Health Services (DHS) is supported with federal funds. Most of the federal funding DHS receives is provided on a matching basis to support medical assistance (MA) benefits and related administrative functions. DHS is authorized to expend all federal moneys it receives for these purposes.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$24,608,500 FED in 2015-16 and \$28,460,300 FED in 2016-17 to make funding adjustments to federal appropriations that are not included under other items in the bill.

MODIFICATION

Reduce estimates of federal funding DHS allocates to income maintenance (IM) consortia by \$6,918,400 FED in 2015-16 and by \$7,918,400 FED in 2016-17.

Explanation: On April 17, the Committee acted on the Governor's recommendations relating to state and federal funding budgeted to support income maintenance consortia in the 2015-17 biennium. The Committee's modifications incorporated reestimates of state and federal funding that would be needed to support the Governor's recommendations, recognizing that enhanced federal funding would be available to support certain income maintenance costs through calendar year 2016. Under a separate item ("Federal Revenue Reestimates"), the bill would increase estimates of federal funds available for the IM consortia. However, due to the Committee's action on the income maintenance consortia item, the projected increase in federal funding for the IM consortia has already been incorporated into the bill. Consequently, the funding reestimate that would be provided under this item should be deleted.

	Change to Bill
FED	- \$14,836,800

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