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Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Reestimate (DHFS -- Children and Families)

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CURRENT LAW

In 2000-01, DHFS is budgeted \$43,810,500 (\$22,695,100 GPR and \$21,115,400 FED) to fund out-of-home care costs for children under guardianship of the state and to provide adoption assistance payments to persons who adopt special needs children.

The state serves as guardian for children with special needs following termination of parental rights. The state pays the costs of out-of-home placements for these children while they are awaiting adoption and makes adoption assistance payments to families who adopt a child with special needs. These payments are partially funded with federal funding available under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$5,846,500 (\$2,449,400 GPR and \$3,397,100 FED) in 2001-02 and \$11,926,300 (\$5,580,100 GPR and \$6,346,200 FED) in 2002-03 to reflect reestimates of the amount of funding required to support foster care and adoption assistance payments for special needs children under guardianship of the state.

MODIFICATION

Increase funding by \$104,500 GPR and \$359,900 FED in 2001-02 and decrease funding by \$177,400 GPR and increase funding by \$61,000 FED in 2002-03 to reflect reestimates of state costs for foster care and adoption assistance payments in the 2001-03 biennium.

Explanation: This modification reflects: (a) more recent caseload and payment information than was available when the Governor's budget was prepared; and (b) a reestimate of the amount of federal revenue that will be available to support these payments.

<u>Modification</u>	<u>GPR</u>	<u>FED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$72,900	\$420,900	\$348,000

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