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HOUSE – SENATE 2014 BUDGET REQUEST

BUDGET PRIORITIES	INVESTMENTS	OUTCOME/RATIONALE
QUALITY & MAINTENANCE OF SERVICES **CHAPTER 257** **DDS Residential**	**$860,298,457 (+71.7 Mil)** ***Line 5920-2000* 50% FFP reimbursed to State** **Maintain Governor's budget**	The implementation of Chap. 257 for POS (purchase of service) requires a $175 Mil. increase projected for 2015. Improve quality for consumers served. 257 funding is $53.5 of increase. The $71.7 M includes annualized $$ for Turning 22 and Rolland too.
DDS Employment/Day	**$161,873,253 (+$28.35 Mil)** ***Line 5920-2025* 50% FFP** **Maintain Governor's budget**	Addresses dollars to annualize Ch. 257 for employment and day supports at DDS, $15.3M. Remaining increase is for T22 annualized.
ACCESS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES & YOUTH	**$62,004,298 (+$12.5 Mil)** ***Line 5920-3000*** **FFP for Family Support is variable – 30% average but $$ reach many families**	Restore services ($7M) and address waiting list ($5M). Support families and delay residential services through investment: serving 2,500 additional families and increase support to 5,000 existing families. (20,000 families in total at DDS)
	$8,000,000 (+$1,5 Mil) ***Lines 5948-0012/7061-0012*** **DESE-DDS can be reimbursed by FFP or Federal Education $.**	Delays/avoids Residential. Restores DESE to 2008 level; keeps families together. Help 74 more children/families.
	$5,613,086 (+$1 Mil) ***Line 5920-3010*** **Autism Services, FFP -50%)**	Autism waiver- 580 children on waiting list (some may not be eligible). This will reach 50 waiting.
ACCESS FOR TRANSITION & SERVICES	**$10,500,000 (+$4,5 Mil)** ***Line 5920-5000*** **FFP at 50%**	710 graduating High School Students- ALL will need services; 200 obtain residential, rest need employment, transportation, family support.
	Residential, Employment and Transportation accounts	Maintain full services for those who graduated in FY'2013 & received funding –noted above
OTHER PRIORITIES		**RATIONALE**
SALARY RESERVE	**Link Cost to Chapter 257 Implementation**	Address Direct Support Workers earning under $40,000 until full Chap. 257 implementation.

MAINTAIN OTHER DDS ACCOUNTS AS IN HOUSE 1. (See reverse for narrative/glossary)
Reading the chart –the first $$ reflect total line item followed by increase in line for FY'2014.

Request to the House and Senate for FY'2014 Budget Narrative

Narrative

Persons with intellectual disabilities (ID) (and children with developmental disabilities) are served by the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDS). In addition, MassHealth and Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC), Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB) offer certain services as well. DDS serves over 30,000 children and adults. This budget request reflects three categories of funding for FY'2014: Maintenance and Quality; Access for Families and Youth; Access for Transition or Adult Services.

Access to Support Families and Youth will provide resources for three different line items serving similar constituencies but different levels of need. Family Support serves the broadest population within DDS (20,000 families!) but its funding level is still below 2009 figures. Some examples of this account are stipends are provided for respite care or afterschool services and assistance for a family to obtain generic services to help them find options for their son or daughter in the community. DESE-DDS program helps youth who are at risk of residential placement and a higher level of funding is provided for daily behavioral or other support (communications, therapies, etc.) Youth remain in the program until age 22. The autism waiver allows children to obtain early intervention to address communication and behavioral needs and children up to 9 years of age are in the program.

Access for Transition & Services (Turning 22) is the only new monies available for adults and it is targeted to students with special needs graduating high school who require adult supports. This # has increased from 440 annually in the 1990s to 700 plus annually today. Without this access, parents may have to leave jobs and students may lose the opportunity to have work or day options in addition to being at risk. 200 students receive residential supports, leaving 510 or so students annually requiring a combination of employment and in-home assistance. Some MassHealth services can assist in these needs but cannot replace the need for access at DDS.

Maintenance and Quality focuses upon the existing service system which is primarily funded by purchase of services (POS). Chapter 257, a relatively new law passed by the legislature, addresses the lack of rates in this POS system. Over the past two years, family support and employment/day services have been addressed. This year residential rates are being implemented for the first time since the late 1980s! The governor's appropriation which we support begins the residential rate investment which will be a total $175 Million (for disability agencies- DDS, MRC and MCB) in 2015. This year, DDS receives $53.5 Mil of that allocation to begin the process. Employment account receives $$ to address the next phase of its rate adjustment. Both these accounts include monies for Turning 22 students who graduated in 2013 and need annualization this coming year.

Glossary

DDS, MRC and MCB noted above
FFP= federal financial participation (amount federal government reimburses the state. If it's 50% that means that a $10.5 Mil request has an actual impact on state $ of $5.25 Mil.
Purchase of Services or POS= is the primary funding vehicle in disability and human services. The state purchases these services. Historically contracts were negotiated individually or in groups by agencies. Now there will be a specific rate system which will insure fairness and adequate rates through Chapter 257.
Education funds are received by the state through IDEA (individuals with disabilities education act). We note that in relation to the DESE –DDS program.
DESE-DDS program (Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education) is a successful effort to keep families together and delay or avoid residential placement. It saves money and helps families. See past reports at mass.gov/DDS, choose publications (right) and then pick reports and updates. You'll see it on the list.