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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill removes the division of costs between the state and counties for placements in intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation or related conditions (ICFs/MR). The bill also requires the commissioner to make recommendations to the legislature concerning the future services provided to people now served in ICFs/MR.

Section

- 1** **Division of cost.** Amends § 256B.19, subd. 1. Removes language requiring a division of costs between the state and counties for the cost of placements that have exceeded 90 days in ICFs/MR that have seven or more beds. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment. Under current law, beginning July 1, 2004, the division of costs is 80 percent state funds and 20 percent county funds.
- 2** **ICF/MR plan.** Requires the commissioner to consult with ICF/MR providers, advocates, counties, and consumer families to develop recommendations and legislation concerning the future services provided to people now served in ICFs/MR. Requires the recommendations to be reported to the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance issues by January 15, 2005. Lists several items the commissioner must consider in preparing the report. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.