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### Overview

On July 1, 2003, a child care provider maximum reimbursement rate freeze went into effect. In order to implement the freeze, the Department of Human Services created regional or statewide maximum reimbursement rates for the counties in which a maximum reimbursement rate had not previously been set for certain types of providers due to a sample size that was determined to be too small. The implementation of the regional and statewide maximum reimbursement rates resulted in some child care providers receiving a decreased maximum reimbursement rate instead of a frozen maximum reimbursement rate. This bill restores the maximum reimbursement rate for the providers whose rates were decreased due to the creation of regional and statewide maximum rates to the maximum reimbursement rate those providers were receiving prior to the maximum reimbursement rate freeze.

### Section

- 1 Child care reimbursement rates; direction to commissioner.** Requires the commissioner of human services to modify the child care assistance provider reimbursement rate setting methodology used to implement the provider reimbursement rate freeze that became effective on July 1, 2003. Restores child care provider maximum reimbursement rates to the level at which they were set on June 30, 2003, for any child care provider who received a decreased rate due to the creation of regional or statewide maximum reimbursement rates. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.