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## Bill Summary

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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 retroactively prohibits providers from being reimbursed at a rate less than the rate in effect on June 30, 2003, and requires counties or the state to reimburse providers who received a decreased reimbursement rate beginning on July 1, 2003, for the difference in rates.

### Section

- 1 Direction to commissioner; provider rates.** Amends Laws 2003, 1<sup>st</sup> Spec. Sess. ch. 14, art. 9, § 34. Prohibits child care providers from being reimbursed at a rate less than the rate in effect on June 30, 2003. Requires counties or the state to reimburse providers who received a decreased reimbursement rate beginning on July 1, 2003, for the difference in rates. Makes this section retroactive to July 1, 2003.