

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to the Agency for Persons with  
 3       Disabilities; amending s. 393.0661, F.S.; reducing the  
 4       geographic differentials for residential habilitation  
 5       services in certain counties; specifying that the agency  
 6       shall pay a uniform reimbursement rate to all providers of  
 7       companion care services and authorizing the agency to seek  
 8       federal approval to amend current waivers to comply with  
 9       that requirement; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 393.0661,  
 14 Florida Statutes, are amended, present subsection (8) is  
 15 renumbered as subsection (9), and a new subsection (8) is added  
 16 to that section, to read:

17           393.0661 Home and community-based services delivery  
 18 system; comprehensive redesign.—The Legislature finds that the  
 19 home and community-based services delivery system for persons  
 20 with developmental disabilities and the availability of  
 21 appropriated funds are two of the critical elements in making  
 22 services available. Therefore, it is the intent of the  
 23 Legislature that the Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall  
 24 develop and implement a comprehensive redesign of the system.

25           (4) The geographic differential for Miami-Dade, Broward,  
 26 and Palm Beach Counties for residential habilitation services  
 27 shall be 3.5 ~~7.5~~ percent.

28           (5) The geographic differential for Monroe County for

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29 residential habilitation services shall be 3.5 ~~20~~ percent.

30 (8) Beginning July 1, 2011, the agency shall pay a uniform  
31 reimbursement rate to all providers of companion care services.

32 The rate shall be set by the agency. The agency is authorized to  
33 seek federal approval to amend current waivers in order to  
34 comply with this subsection.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.