

**FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 2003**

February 20, 2003

Mr. Speaker:

Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 422

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 11, strike "AN APPROPRIATION" and insert in lieu thereof "APPROPRIATIONS".

2. On page 1, strike lines 16 through 25 and on page 2, strike lines 1 through 10 and insert in lieu thereof the following new sections:

"Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred sixty-three thousand two hundred dollars (\$163,200) is appropriated from the general fund to the human services department for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 to provide cost-of-living increases for employees of intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded and to address recruitment and retention, employee health insurance, program liability insurance and other operational costs. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 to address equity in reimbursement between developmental disabilities programs that are funded entirely with general fund dollars and those that are funded with medicaid waiver dollars. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.".,

and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Stewart, Chairman

Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk)

Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Varela

Absent: None

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