

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 177

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Gardner

3. Committee: Health and Human Services

4. Title: Federal Early Intervention Program for Infants & Toddlers w/Disabilities; reimbursement rates

5. Summary: The proposed legislation directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to assess and make recommendations related to reimbursement rates for the federal Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities. The bill requires the work group to report its recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2024.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2025	\$232,844 \$267,156	General Federal
2026	-	-
2027	-	-
2028	-	-
2029	-	-
2030	-	-

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill would require DMAS to make recommendations on reimbursement rates for the federal Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities. The agency does not have resources available to conduct the analysis needed to develop rate recommendations. As such, DMAS indicates that one-time funding will be required to hire a contractor with the necessary expertise to perform a rate study related to early intervention services. The cost of convening the workgroup and making the subsequent recommendations can be absorbed within existing agency resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None