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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 606

(Senator Robey, *et al.*)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

Developmental Disabilities Administration - Deputy Secretary - Establishment

This bill requires the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, with the approval of the Governor, to appoint a Deputy Secretary for Developmental Disabilities and makes a conforming change to the title and operational scope of the existing Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to be the Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health. The new Deputy Secretary for Developmental Disabilities replaces the Director of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) as the head of DDA; the bill makes a series of conforming changes relating to this alteration.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by up to \$31,000 beginning in FY 2015, which accounts for an increase in salary to promote the existing Director of DDA to Deputy Secretary for Developmental Disabilities under the bill. Minimal additional annual increase in general fund expenditures for related fringe benefits. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, with the approval of the Governor, appoints four deputy secretaries: Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health and Disabilities, Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing, Deputy Secretary for Operations, and Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services. The Director of DDA is

appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene as the head of that administration.

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures increase by up to \$31,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2015 to accommodate an increased salary range for the new Deputy Secretary for Developmental Disabilities. Executive salaries fall within a range depending on a selected candidate's educational and work experience. Additional minimal increases in general fund expenditures beginning in fiscal 2015 and annually thereafter for fringe benefits are dependent on the Deputy Secretary's salary.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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