

This bill directs that the cost of transfers of individuals between the Intermediate Care Facilities for people with Mental Retardation (ICFs/MR) and the Home and Community Based waiver system (HCBS) remain within established budgets. However, there is a potential that as vacant beds from individuals transferring from ICFs/MR to HCBS are filled, costs to Medicaid and to the State could rise. Placement in an ICF/MR is a Medicaid entitlement program.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

As individuals are provided services, either in ICFs/MR or the HCBS waiver, there will be benefits, including financial benefits, to both clients and their care-givers.

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