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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced By: Senator Leo R. Blais

Date Introduced: February 04, 2010

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-12-30 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-12 entitled

"Department of Human Services" is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-12-30. Expenditures under the traumatic brain injury program. -- Expenditures

4 of the assessments under the traumatic brain injury program shall be for the following purposes:

(a) As the payor of last resort for individuals who have exhausted all other health or

rehabilitation benefit funding services for services covered under this section.

7 (b) Services including, but not limited to: case management; cognitive rehabilitation;

transitional living; structured day programs; assistive technology services; devices and

9 equipment; transportation; housing; neuropsychological evaluations; behavioral health treatment;

substance abuse treatment; respite; and other services and/or assistance as deemed appropriate by

the commission for individuals with traumatic brain injury to accomplish a successful re-entry

and maintenance in the community.

(c) Grants to community-based programs, private providers and municipal governments

for the purpose of expanding or developing services targeted for individuals with brain injuries as

15 well as for system development and maintenance. Such grants shall be awarded only after

consultation with the commission and pursuant to the criteria developed jointly by that body, the

department of human services, the department of health and the department of mental health,

18 retardation and hospitals.

- 1 (d) Funding for public information and prevention education and for the continuation of 2 the resource center coordinated by the brain injury association of Rhode Island.
- 3 (e) The department of human services may utilize up to ten percent (10%) of the sums
- 4 appropriated for the traumatic brain injury program for the purpose of administering the program.
- 5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would authorize the department of human services to utilize up to ten percent (10%) of the sums appropriated for the purpose of administering the traumatic brain injury program.

This act would take effect upon on July 1, 2010.