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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to county eligibility for state payment of the
2 allowed growth factor adjustment for county mental health,
3 mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services,
4 and including applicability and transition provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Sec. 1. Section 331.438, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
2 Supplement 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. A county's portion of the allowed growth factor
4 adjustment appropriation for a fiscal year shall be determined
5 based upon the county's proportion of the state's general
6 population. In order to be eligible to receive the county's
7 portion of that appropriation, the county must levy for the
8 fiscal year the maximum levy amount allowed for the county's
9 services fund. An ineligible county's portion of the
10 appropriation shall be divided among the eligible counties
11 based upon an eligible county's proportion of the total
12 general population of the eligible counties.

13 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY -- TRANSITION.

14 1. Section 331.438, as amended by this Act, is first
15 applicable to county levies for the fiscal year beginning July
16 1, 2003.

17 2. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
18 June 30, 2003, in order for a county to be eligible for the
19 county's portion of the allowed growth factor adjustment
20 appropriation distributed for that fiscal year in accordance
21 with section 331.438, the county must levy for the fiscal year
22 at least seventy percent of the maximum levy amount allowed
23 for the county's mental health, mental retardation, and
24 developmental disabilities services fund under section
25 331.424A. For that fiscal year, an ineligible county's
26 portion shall be divided among the eligible counties based
27 upon an eligible county's proportion of total general
28 population of the eligible counties.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill relates to county eligibility for state payment
31 of the allowed growth factor adjustment for county mental
32 health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities
33 (MH/MR/DD) services.

34 Current law limits the maximum levy for a county's MH/MR/DD
35 services fund to a base year expenditure amount less the state

1 property tax relief payment amount to be received by the
2 county. The law provides for state payment of an allowed
3 growth adjustment amount to address increased costs. The bill
4 conditions a county's eligibility for the county's portion of
5 the state's allowed growth adjustment appropriation on the
6 county levying the maximum amount allowed for the MH/MR/DD
7 services fund. This eligibility condition is first applicable
8 to levies for fiscal year 2003-2004.

9 For fiscal year 2002-2003, a county must levy at least 70
10 percent of the maximum amount allowed for the county's
11 MH/MR/DD services fund in order to be eligible to receive the
12 county's portion of the allowed growth appropriation.

13 If a county does not meet the eligibility requirement, an
14 ineligible county's portion of the appropriation is to be
15 divided among the eligible counties.

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