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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Howard

Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) in Article II of the bill, following the appropriations to the Health and Human Services Commission, in Rider 23, Base Wage Increase for Personal Attendant Services (page II-55), by adding the following appropriately lettered subsection:

(__) Out of funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts and Administration, HHSC shall continue to collect biennial cost reports from providers to monitor the average hourly wage and associated payroll costs, taxes, and benefits. HHSC shall calculate for each provider the total amount that was paid to the provider that is attributable to the direct care wages, payroll costs, taxes, and benefits, the amount expended by the provider for that purpose, and the ratio of expenses to revenue to determine a direct care wage and benefits expense ratio. HHSC shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Office of the Governor on an annual basis by November 1 of each year on the findings, including a list of providers whose calculated direct care staff wage and benefits expense ratio is less than 0.90.