

HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES - DEPARTMENTWIDE

Departmentwide Reductions — Eliminate All Assistant Area Administrators

Motion:

Move to delete \$628,000 (-\$452,600 GPR and -\$175,400 FED) in 2003-04 and \$837,300 (-\$603,500 GPR and -\$233,800 FED) in 2004-05 and 15.0 positions (-10.28 GPR positions and -4.72 FED positions), beginning in 2003-04, to eliminate the Department's assistant area administrator positions.

Note:

Currently, DHFS has 5.0 area administrator positions, 17.5 assistant area administrator positions, and 8.0 positions that provide support for these positions. The bill would delete 3.5 positions (2.5 assistant area administrators and 1.0 support staff). This motion would delete the remaining 15.0 assistant area administrator positions.

Area administrators and assistant area administrators serve as liaisons between DHFS and county human services or social services departments. Area administrators and assistant area administrators have responsibilities in the implementation, supervision, and monitoring of state contracted programs, including children and family services, long-term care, adult protective services, mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse, service to the elderly, and economic support. In addition, these staff provide administrative consultation in quality improvement activities, ensure compliance with performance and outcome standards, and assist in implementing state initiatives and policies.

[Change to Bill: -\$1,056,100 GPR and -\$409,200 FED and -10.28 GPR positions and -4.72 FED positions]