

2023-2024 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9B.9: Management Flexibility for the Department of Health and Human Services to Expend Certain ARPA Temporary Savings Fund Appropriations for Purposes Related to Child and Family Well-Being

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| Analysis of:   | Sec. 9B.9 of S.L. 2023-134 |              | Staff Attorney   |

OVERVIEW: Section 9B.9 of S.L. 2023-134 appropriates nonrecurring funds from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$20 million and for the 2024-2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$60 million. These funds must be allocated and used for the purposes below:

- Supporting families and other caregivers of children with high behavioral health or other special needs through community intensive support expansion and increasing structured options to meet the needs of those children.
- Strengthening specialized treatment options for children with complex behavioral or other special needs.

DHHS may allocate the funds to the following Divisions in such amounts, programs, and initiatives it deems necessary if the purpose and initiatives meet the requirements above:

- Child Welfare and Family Well-Being.
- Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services.
- Social Services.

This section became effective July 1, 2023.

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