

• Rep. Tom Brice's Human Services Alert •
**A legislative update about the Health and Social Services
Department from the Office of Representative Tom Brice**

The House Finance Committee Presents Budget Caps for FY 01's Budget
The House Finance Committee recently ignored the Governor's FY 01 budget and introduced new budget caps, which reduced the governor's FY 01 increase to the Health and Social Services budget. The new numbers from the majority members of the House Finance Committee reflect a \$22 million decrease from the governor's proposal. The House H&SS budget subcommittee will be tasked to propose the reductions. The rumor in the capitol is medicaid will be targeted for the brunt of the reductions. Contact the members of the subcommittee and voice your opposition to this plan.

H&SS Budget Sub-Committee Members

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The Governor Proposes the Supplemental Budget

The Governor introduced HB 343, the supplemental budget on Wednesday. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to provide adequate funds to divisions who were underfunded during the previous budget cycle. The Governor's supplemental request is for \$16.5 million. Two of the major areas the Governor has requested additional general fund monies for are the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Department of Health and Social Services. Here are some items the administration has requested funding for in General Fund dollars:

Medicaid Services	\$6.2 million
Foster Care programs	\$3.1 million
CAMA	\$608,000
Out of state residential treatment facilities Ed costs	\$602,000
Longevity bonus hold harmless	\$292,000

Bill of Interest

HB 354 - Criminal Sexual Inducement of a Minor/Pornography by Representative Brice

This bill will make it a crime to use the internet to solicit sex from anyone under 16 years of age. It would also prohibit the distribution of pornography to minors via the internet. The bill is currently in the House Judiciary Committee.

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