

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS24926

This bill directs the Department of Health and Welfare to provide coverage for children under age 18 with serious emotional disturbance with family incomes up to 300% of the federal poverty level. The purpose of the legislation is to enable these children to recover from past trauma and build resiliency so that they can become adults who participate meaningfully and productively in society. This legislation allows the Department to comply with the Jeff D. settlement agreement (U.S. District Court Case No. 4:80-CV-04091-BLW) in a manner that most efficiently leverages state general funds.

### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation has a net zero impact to the General Fund and a federal fund spending authority impact of \$2,968,400 in the Division of Medicaid. Currently, the Division of Behavioral Health's Children's Mental Health program is appropriated \$1,181,600 General Fund for services that do not draw a federal match. This General Fund appropriation will be transferred to the Division of Medicaid to leverage matching federal funds through Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) funding. In future years, there is an anticipated annual ongoing cost of \$8,300,000 (\$2,363,200 General Fund/\$5,936,800 federal funds) which will be similarly offset for a continued net zero General Fund impact.

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