

Amend **CSSB 1** as follows:

In Article II, under Special Provisions Relating To All Health And Human Services Agencies, insert the following appropriately numbered section:

Sec. ____ Standard of Care For Individuals

The Legislature finds that the care and well being of all individuals under the care of the state is a primary responsibility of the state. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Executive Commissioner shall use transferability, rulemaking and administrative authority, and all necessary means to prevent abuse, neglect or exploitation and ensure the protection of all individuals under care of the state, including children, intellectually and developmentally disabled adults, and the elderly. In the event that appropriations are insufficient to ensure appropriate levels of care for individuals, the Executive Commissioner, pursuant to the notification and approval requirements contained in other provisions, shall transfer necessary funds and request additional appropriation authority from the Legislative Budget Board.