

Amendment No. 1 (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 The Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations  
12 offered the following:

14 **Amendment**

15 On page 60, lines 9 through 25,  
16 remove from the bill: all of said lines

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18 and insert in lieu thereof:

19 Section 27. There is hereby appropriated the sum of  
20 \$3,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund and the sum  
21 \$4,420,344 from the Medical Care Trust Fund to the Agency for  
22 Health Care Administration in order to allow nursing  
23 facilities the ability to recruit and retain qualified staff  
24 and to provide appropriate care. The Agency for Health Care  
25 Administration shall adjust limitations in the patient care  
26 component of the per diem rate to allow these additional funds  
27 to be reimbursed through the per diem rate, effective April 1,  
28 2000. The agency in expending the funds provided in this  
29 appropriation shall establish a formula for reimbursing  
30 nursing facilities for the cost of hiring additional certified  
31 nursing assistants and licensed nurses or for the cost of

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1 salary or benefit enhancements to retain such staff in these  
2 specific classes. The formula shall provide for an increase  
3 in a nursing facility's per diem rate inversely proportionate  
4 to the facility's current staffing level for these staff  
5 compared to the staffing standards set forth in agency rule.  
6 The agency shall maintain for tracking purposes the record of  
7 each facility's staffing increases or enhancements resulting  
8 from these funds.

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10 Section 28. The sum of \$150,000 is hereby appropriated  
11 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Elderly  
12 Affairs for fiscal year 1999-2000 to fund the responsibilities  
13 of the Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and establish  
14 a statewide toll-free telephone number pursuant to s.  
15 400.0078, Florida Statutes, as created by this act. Eighteen  
16 positions and the sum of \$1,304,720 from recurring General  
17 Revenue Funds, \$72,994 from nonrecurring General Revenue Funds  
18 and \$452,584 from the Administrative Trust Fund is  
19 appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration for  
20 Fiscal Year 1999-2000 implement the provisions of this act.  
21 The sum of \$26,000 from General Revenue Fund is appropriated  
22 to the Executive Office of the Governor for Fiscal Year  
23 1999-2000 for the Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long Term  
24 Care.