

# 2019-20 State Budget and Disability Programs

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## Overview of the Governor's Recommended Budget for FY2019-20

The Governor is recommending **1.1% growth in the state budget**. By comparison, the growth last year was 0.5%. Highlights of the budget objectives are: new and expanded Mental Health and Health Services, summarized below; new rural initiatives such as on expanding broadband (\$20 million) and rural development funds (\$10.5 million); and a record-breaking investment of \$240 million that will bring the Rainy Day Fund to an all-time high of \$1.1 billion.

- Read the budget here:  
<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/finance/budget/documents/2020BudgetDocumentVol1.pdf>

## Impact to Disability Programs

### The Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities

- One new position (See page B-132)

### The Dept. of Human Services' Vocational Rehabilitation Program

- No changes compared to last year in recommended state funding. (See page B-170)

### The Dept. of Education

- \$71 million to support teacher compensation through the Basic Education Program;
- \$30 million for school safety grants to Local Education Agencies;
- \$25 million for Education Savings Accounts to expand school choice opportunities;
- \$8 million for positions and increased services in Tennessee Early Intervention Services (See page B-78)

### The Dept. of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

- \$34 million in recurring and nonrecurring state and federal funds to maintain the hourly reimbursement for direct support professionals at \$10 per hour;
- \$66,800 in recurring dedicated state funds to support one fulltime position within the licensing program.

Cost savings include:

- \$26.9 million in state and federal funds related to waiver attrition;
- \$5.5 million in state and federal funds to match waiver funding to current utilization trends with no impact to current service levels;
- \$524,000 in state and federal funds to reduce the costs of departmental operations with no impact to current service levels. (See page B-160)

### The Division of TennCare, Long Term Services and Supports

- Recurring funding for 300 additional slots in the Employment and Community First (ECF) CHOICES program. These are funds projected by DIDD that result from disenrollments and/or reduced utilization of services in the Section 1915(c) waivers administered by DIDD.

**Are you interested in impact to a program not listed? Contact [Lauren.j.pearcy@tn.gov](mailto:Lauren.j.pearcy@tn.gov)**