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Budget Corrections (DHFS -- Care and Treatment Facilities)

[LFB 2001-03 Budget Summary: Page 383, #2, Page 385, #9, Page 386, #11 and Page 387, #13]

The administration has requested the following minor policy and technical changes to items in the Governor's budget that are summarized under "Care and Treatment Facilities."

Sand Ridge Treatment Center. Delete \$59,000 GPR in 2001-02 to correctly reflect the savings in fringe benefit costs that will result because of the delay in the opening of the Sand Ridge Treatment Center, from April 2001 (as assumed under Act 9) to June 1, 2001.

State Centers -- Expanded Services. Authorize DHFS to offer all therapy services that are supportive for an individual with developmental disabilities at the state Centers, rather than physical therapy services, exclusively.

Inpatient Competency Examinations -- Charging Counties for Excessive Stays. Replace references to the individual or defendant's county of residence with references to the county in which the court is located. Under the bill, the state Mental Health Institutes (MHIs) could charge counties the normal rate for defendants who are sent to the MHIs when the county does not return the defendant to jail within a reasonable time after completing an inpatient competency examination.

Outpatient Competency Examinations in Milwaukee County. Delete the provision in the bill that directs DHFS to distribute funds under a DCTF appropriation for competency examinations. This authority is already provided in the appropriation language.

A review of these items suggests that they are primarily technical in nature and thus, the Committee may want to incorporate them into the budget bill.

ALTERNATIVES TO BILL

1. Incorporate all of the administration’s proposed modifications into the bill.

Alternative 1	GPR
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$59,000

2. Incorporate one or more of the administration’s proposed modifications into the bill.

- a. Sand Ridge Treatment Center

Alternative 2a	GPR
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$59,000

- b. State Centers -- Expanded Services
- c. Inpatient Competency Examinations -- Charging Counties for Excessive Stays
- d. Outpatient Competency Examinations in Milwaukee County

3. Take no action on the proposed modifications to the bill recommended by the administration.

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