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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 198** HLS 18RS 717

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund	

FUNDS/FUNDING

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Provides relative to distribution of funding from the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund

Present law provides that monies from the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund shall be distributed to people who survive traumatic head or spinal cord injuries to pay for services to enable them to return back to work after all other private and governmental sources have been used. Proposed law deletes the reference to private and governmental sources and replaces it with Medicare and Medicaid.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

As a result of this measure, more people may qualify for financial assistance from the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund. Presently, people who survive traumatic head or spinal cord injuries may receive distributions from this fund as a last resort after private and governmental funding sources (such as private insurance, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Medicare, Medicaid, and personal resources) have been exhausted. This measure removes the requirement that all private and governmental sources must be exhausted before qualifying for assistance from the fund and specifies that only Medicare and Medicaid sources must be exhausted. Therefore, more people may qualify for assistance from the fund.

NOTE: The balance of the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund is \$1,441,691 as of 3/5/18. Monies deposited into the fund are derived from a fee imposed on all motor vehicle violations for driving under the influence, reckless operation, and speeding in this state. Monies in the fund can only be expended subject to appropriation by the legislature. Distributions from the fund to people who survive traumatic head or spinal cord injuries are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis and is limited to \$15 K per 12 month period, with a lifetime maximum of \$50 K per person.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate      Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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