

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 198

2018 Regular Session

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

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides that the purpose of present law is to afford La. citizens who survive traumatic head or spinal cord injuries a source of funds for services enabling them with assistance to return to a reasonable level of functioning and independent living.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law establishes the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, referred to hereafter as the "fund", to provide citizens who survive traumatic head or spinal cord injuries with a source of funding for services enabling them to return to a reasonable level of functioning and independent living. Proposed law amends present law to provide that its purpose is to enable persons with assistance to return to a reasonable level of functioning and independent living.

Present law requires that monies in the fund be distributed as a source of last resort after the use of all available private and governmental funds.

Proposed law retains present law requiring that the fund be used as a last resort but deletes reference to private and governmental funds, specifying only that the fund shall be used after Medicare and Medicaid sources have been exhausted.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 46:2631 and 2635(A))