



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 942

Senate, May 13, 2003

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRAIN INJURY PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACCOUNT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) There is imposed an
2 assessment of: (1) Ten dollars added to any fine assessed against any
3 person convicted or found in violation of section 14-218a or 14-219 of
4 the general statutes; (2) twenty-five dollars added to any fine assessed
5 against any person convicted or found in violation of section 14-222,
6 14-224 or 14-227a of the general statutes; and (3) twenty-five dollars
7 added to any program fee assessed against any person ordered to
8 participate in an alcohol education and treatment program pursuant to
9 subsection (i) of section 14-227a of the general statutes. The proceeds of
10 the assessments collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in
11 the brain injury prevention and treatment account established in
12 subsection (b) of this section.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	1.43 Million	1.91 Million
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	40,450	50,525
Comptroller Misc. Accounts (Fringe Benefits)	GF - Cost	7,600	20,320
Net State Impact	GF - Revenue Gain	1.38 Million	1.84 Million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill places surcharges on certain motor vehicle violations and the alcohol education and treatment program fee. Revenue from these surcharges is to be deposited into a separate, non-lapsing account the bill establishes within the General Fund, the Brain Injury Prevention and Treatment Account. Annual revenues are estimated to be \$1.91 million.

Passage of this bill will result in an FY 04 cost to the state of approximately \$48,050. Included in this sum is \$40,450 to support the three-quarter year salary of one Health Program Associate under the Department of Public Health. Also included is \$7,600 in fringe benefit costs.¹ This position would be required to implement the new grant program and manage the funding of direct services for brain-injured persons. In FY 05 the annualized cost for the position would be

¹ The fringe benefit costs for state employees are budgeted centrally in the Miscellaneous Accounts administered by the Comptroller. The total fringe benefit reimbursement rate as a percentage of payroll is 40.21%, effective July 1, 2002. However, first year fringe benefit costs for new positions do not include pension costs lowering the rate to 18.81% in FY 04. The state's pension contribution is based

\$70,845 (\$50,525 DPH; \$20,320 fringe benefits).

upon the prior year's certification by the actuary for the State Employees Retirement System.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRAIN INJURY PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACCOUNT**SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes the "Brain Injury Prevention and Treatment Account" as a separate, nonlapsing account in the General Fund. Account funds must be allocated to the Department of Public Health (DPH) to provide (1) grants to nonprofit associations in the state concerned with the prevention and treatment of brain injuries and (2) funding for direct services for brain-injured persons.

Under the bill, the account is funded by assessments of (1) \$10 added to any fine assessed against someone convicted or found in violation of the laws on speeding and traveling unreasonably fast; (2) \$25 added to any fine assessed for conviction or violation of the laws on reckless driving, evasion of responsibility in operating a motor vehicle, racing, or operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor or drugs or while having an elevated blood alcohol content; and (3) \$25 added to any program fee assessed against a person ordered to participate in an alcohol education and treatment program for operating under the influence.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 21 Nay 0

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 37 Nay 6