



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 553

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Senate Bill No. 558

Senate, April 13, 2004

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 bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRAIN INJURY PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACCOUNT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) An assessment of five
2 dollars shall be imposed against any person who is convicted of a
3 violation of section 14-219, 14-222 or 14-227a of the general statutes, as
4 amended, who forfeits a cash bond or guaranteed bail bond certificate
5 posted under section 14-140a of the general statutes or under
6 reciprocal agreements made with other states for the alleged violation
7 of any of said sections or who pleads nolo contendere to a violation of
8 section 14-219 of the general statutes and pays the fine by mail. Such
9 assessment shall be in addition to any fee, cost or surcharge imposed
10 pursuant to any other provision of the general statutes. All
11 assessments collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the
12 General Fund and credited to the brain injury prevention and services
13 account established under section 2 of this act.

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-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Brain Injury Prevention and Services Account	GF - Revenue Gain	273,000	364,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill adds a five dollar surcharge against any person convicted of speeding, reckless driving, or driving under the influence. There were 72,720 fines imposed under these statutes in FY 03. The bill is therefore expected to generate approximately \$364,000 annually. These funds would be deposited in a non-lapsing General Fund account established in the bill, the "Brain Injury Prevention and Services Account," and made available to the Department of Social Services for the purpose of providing grants to the Brain Injury Association of Connecticut.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 558

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

This bill creates a nonlapsing brain injury prevention services account in the General Fund. Money in the account, including investment earnings, must be given to the Department of Social Services for grants to the Brain Injury Association of Connecticut.

The account is funded by a new five dollar assessment on violators of the following motor vehicle statutes: (1) speeding, (2) reckless driving, and (3) driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It applies to people convicted of the offenses, including those who plead no contest to speeding and pay their tickets by mail. It also applies to those who forfeit bond by failing to appear in court to answer the charges.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 32 Nay 4

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 42 Nay 1