



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 481

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Senate Bill No. 434

Senate, April 5, 2016

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT FUNDING A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) The sum of three hundred
2 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Public Health,
3 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, for a
4 traumatic brain injury treatment pilot program to provide to the
5 critical care units of three trauma hospitals in this state, selected by the
6 Commissioner of Public Health, an evidence-based clinical decision
7 support tool that has been shown in other states to significantly
8 improve patient outcomes in the treatment of severe head injuries and
9 reduce health care costs. Such clinical decision support tool shall be
10 used by physicians and nurses in such critical care units in real time
11 and at the point of care. The commissioner shall select the participating
12 hospitals based on the volume of severe head trauma patients treated
13 at the hospital's critical care unit, the critical care unit staff's
14 commitment to participation in such pilot program and the hospital's

15 focus on delivering and measuring high-quality care and optimal
 16 patient outcomes.

17 (b) The commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the
 18 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
 19 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 20 relating to public health and appropriations and the budgets of state
 21 agencies, describing such pilot program, the participating hospitals
 22 and any findings regarding patient outcomes and health care costs as a
 23 result of using such clinical decision support tool.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	New section

PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	300,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill appropriates \$300,000 to the Department of Public Health in FY 17 only for a traumatic brain injury treatment pilot program. It should be noted that the Governor's Revised FY 17 Budget does not include such funding.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

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