

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27142

The purpose of this legislation is to redirect the current county expenditures for county indigency medical care to the Medicaid Expansion Fund to pay a portion of the state's 10% share of Medicaid expansion expense.

The Legislation also creates a separate Medicaid Expansion Fund within the Medical Assistance Account in the Department of Health and Welfare for deposit of county monies.

The legislation also redirects the current \$5.00 fee from seat belt fines from the Catastrophic Healthcare Program to the Medicaid Expansion Fund.

The legislation also limits eligibility for the County Indigency Program.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no impact to the State General Fund.

The cost to the county governments, based on 91,000 enrollees, is \$19,243,224.

Based upon the FY 2018 Trustee and Benefit costs, this would be a savings to the counties of \$1,465,076.

In FY 2018, the counties also spent \$6,748,964 in administration and legal costs, most of which should be a savings to the county governments.

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