

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation is revising provisions that need to be changed in response to the repeal of the Catastrophic Health Care Program and the county indigent program. This legislation seeks to codify current policy for jail medical claims that was repealed last session in HB735. It also gives a path forward for settlement requests for approved indigent claims. Currently, the Catastrophic Health Care Fund receives \$5.00 of every seat belt fine and as the CAT fund and board will be repealed, this legislation sends the \$5.00 through the existing formula which distributes it to the county district fund, the state general fund, the highway distribution account, the state public school income fund, and to POST. Lastly, this legislation repeals the CAT fund account but extends the Catastrophic Health Care Board until the end of September 2023 to allow for the audit and annual reports to be completed.

FISCAL NOTE

Over the last two years, the counties and CAT board settled 27 cases for a total of \$1,124,299.35 (county and state combined). Of these cases 13 were paid at 100% and 14 were negotiated. The CAT fund in SY21 received approximately \$50,000 from seat belt fines. In FY22 that was reduced to about \$35,000. There will be a minimal increase to state funds after the redirection of the \$5.00 seat belt fines and there will be an increase to the state general fund for all settlements.

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