

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 4062
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Public Health
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) awards funds to different organizations that advance the research and prevention of cancer. The parties note that over the last two biennia CPRIT, keeping in line with current law, granted approximately \$40 million to cancer prevention efforts. The parties assert that these prevention efforts are key because they often lead to earlier detection of cancer, which in turn results in a better survival rate and quality of life. C.S.H.B. 4062 seeks to ensure that more Texans receive early treatment of cancer.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 4062 amends the Health and Safety Code to increase from 10 percent to 20 percent the cap on the money awarded under the cancer prevention and research fund that may be used for cancer prevention and control programs during any year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 4062 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 102, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 102.201(d) to read as follows:
Sec. 102.201. CANCER PREVENTION AND RESEARCH FUND. (a) The cancer

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SECTION 1. Section 102.203(e), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

prevention and research fund is a dedicated account in the general revenue fund.

(b) The cancer prevention and research fund consists of:

(1) appropriations of money to the fund by the legislature, except that the appropriated money may not include the proceeds from the issuance of bonds authorized by Section 67, Article III, Texas Constitution;

(2) gifts, grants, including grants from the federal government, and other donations received for the fund; and

(3) interest earned on the investment of money in the fund.

(c) The fund may be used only to pay for:

(1) grants for cancer research and for cancer research facilities in this state to realize therapies, protocols, and medical procedures for the cure or substantial mitigation of all types of cancer in humans;

(2) the purchase, subject to approval by the institute, of laboratory facilities by or on behalf of a state agency or grant recipient;

(3) grants to public or private persons to implement the Texas Cancer Plan;

(4) the operation of the institute;

(5) grants for cancer prevention and control programs in this state to mitigate the incidence of all types of cancer in humans; and

(6) debt service on bonds issued as authorized by Section 67, Article III, Texas Constitution.

(d) Not less than 25 percent of the fund shall go to cancer prevention efforts.

(e) Not more than 20 [~~40~~] percent of the money awarded under this subchapter may be used for cancer prevention and control programs during any year.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.