

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, unclaimed prize proceeds from the Texas Lottery Commission are deposited with the Department of Health (TDH). The money is then deposited into dedicated accounts supporting UTMB Galveston for indigent care and to other facilities throughout the state for tertiary care. However, the state is not leveraging these dollars with a federal match. The Health and Human Services Commission may be able to invest these dollars in a waiver program to provide similar services that would draw down federal matching funds. As proposed, S.B. 178 requires prize money from the Texas Lottery Commission to be deposited into an account to be administered by the Health and Human Services Commission rather than TDH if a claim for the prize money is not made within 180 days after the date on which the winner was selected.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 466.408(b), Government Code, to require unclaimed prize money from the Texas Lottery Commission to be deposited into an account to be administered by the Health and Human Services Commission rather than the Texas Department of Health (TDH) if a claim for the prize money is not made within 180 days after the date when the winner was selected. Deletes existing text requiring such money to be deposited to the credit of the state-owned multicategorical teaching hospital account or the tertiary care facility account administered by TDH.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.