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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Trust Fund (trust fund) was established to fund prevention programs under Section 40.105 (Child Abuse And Neglect Prevention Trust Fund Account), Human Resources Code. Money transferred from the trust fund to the operating fund is protected for the use of child abuse prevention programs only, and any interest earned on the trust fund is required to also be credited to the trust fund. The trust fund's revenue sources are from marriage license and declaration fees collected by county clerks under Section 118.022 (Disposition Of Marriage License And Declaration Fees), Local Government Code. A certain percentage of the revenues, reflecting the approximate amount of interest earned on the trust fund per biennium, has historically been allocated to the operating account for expenditures for child abuse and neglect prevention.

As proposed, S.B. 1188 ensures that both the appropriation to the operating account and the funds in the trust fund are used exclusively for child abuse and neglect prevention and not used for other general revenue purposes.

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 40.105(a), Human Resources Code, to authorize money in the child abuse and neglect prevention trust fund account to be appropriated only for child abuse and neglect prevention.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.