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House Bill 4840 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)
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CONTENT

The health facility criminal background check program was established under Public Act 28 of 2006. Such background checks for employees at health facilities presently are paid for by the State. The State has used a combination of a Federal grant and Restricted dollars to cover the costs of these checks.

Due to the cost of these background checks, the Office of State Budget proposed, and the Senate and House Appropriations Committees approved, a transfer of just over \$1.8 million in excess Restricted revenue to support the program.

House Bill 4840 (H-2) would permit the Department of Community Health to use unreserved balances from licensing fees and assessments of health facilities to support the background check program.

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would free up the revenue necessary to implement the May 2008 transfer. This transfer would help avert an overexpenditure in the background check program line item.

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