

Chapter 66

2020 regular session

Subject Transfer to public health response contingency account; appropriation of federal funds; COVID-19 preparedness and response

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Overview

This act transfers \$20,889,000 in fiscal year 2020 to the public health response contingency account for COVID-19 public health response activities, and appropriates to the commissioner of health, federal money received by the commissioner in fiscal year 2020 or 2021 for COVID-19 preparedness and response activities.

Summary

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| 1 | Public health response; transfer of funds. |
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Directs the commissioner of management and budget to transfer \$20,889,000 in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund to the public health response contingency account for a public health response to a potential outbreak of COVID-19. Provides that this is a onetime transfer. Between the date of enactment and February 1, 2021, allows up to \$4,622,000 in the account to be used for any communicable disease outbreak that requires a public health response. For funds used for the public health response to COVID-19, provides that the commissioner is not required to make certain determinations, seek assistance from other sources, or provide written notice to certain members of the legislature. Requires any unobligated, unexpended amount over \$5,000,000 on February 1, 2021, to be transferred to the general fund. Requires any amount received by the commissioner from a nonstate source after February 1, 2021, for a public health response to COVID-19 to be transferred to the general fund.

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| 2 | COVID-19; federal funds appropriation and reporting. |
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Provides that all federal money received by the commissioner of health in fiscal year 2020 or 2021 for COVID-19 preparedness and response is appropriated in the fiscal year in which it is received. Before federal funds appropriated under this section are spent, requires the commissioner of management and budget to report to the Legislative Advisory Commission on anticipated federal funds and their intended

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uses. By January 15, 2021, requires the commissioner of health to report on actual federal funds appropriated under this section and their actual uses.



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