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Section

- 1** **Title.** Titles this act the “Jablonski/Rodreick Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injury Grant Program.”
- 2** **Spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury research grant program.** Adds § 144.666. Requires the commissioner of health to establish a grant program to publicly funded institutions to research spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries. Requires that half the funds be awarded for research involving spinal cord injuries and half for traumatic brain injuries. Requires an annual report January 15, beginning in 2015, specifying which institutions receive grants and the purposes for which the grants were used.
- 3** **Spinal cord and traumatic brain injury advisory committee.** Adds § 144.667. Requires the commissioner of health to establish an advisory committee and specifies membership and organization requirements. Provides that the advisory committee must develop criteria for evaluating and awarding grants; review research proposals; make recommendations for awarding grants; and perform other duties as authorized by the commissioner.
- 4** **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$ 4 million in each fiscal year, 2014 and 2015, to the commissioner of health for the spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries research grants. Provides a blank amount that shall be used to administer the program.