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## Bill Summary

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### Section

- 1 **Exclusions.** Current law provides that the state is not liable for loss, damage, or destruction of property of a patient or inmate of a state institution. This section references an exception for the circumstances described in section 2 of this bill.
- 2 **Loss damage or destruction of property.** Requires the commissioners of human services, veterans affairs, and corrections to determine, adjust, and settle claims of \$7,000 or less resulting from negligent loss, damage, or destruction of property of a patient or inmate of a state institution. Provides that a claim of more than \$7,000, or a claim that was not paid by the appropriate state agency, can be presented through the legislative claims procedure. Provides that the procedure in this section is exclusive of all other legal, equitable, and statutory remedies.
- 3 **Evaluation and payment of claims.** Provides that the law requiring agencies to assess and potentially pay claims of inmates in sentence-to-serve programs applies to claims of \$7,000 or less (instead of the current \$500 or less). Provides for claims of \$7,000 (instead of \$500) to be considered through the legislative claims process.
- 4 **Legislative claims; filing fee.** Increases from \$5 to \$8 the fee for a person filing a claim with the joint Senate-House Subcommittee on Claims.