

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB620

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron Puller

3. Committee Rehabilitation & Social Services

4. Title Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill moves the statutory language and responsibilities for the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative from the Board and Department of Health to the Commissioner and the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS). The provisions of the program remain the same except that the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Trust Fund will be allocated 47.5 percent for research on neurotrauma, 47.5 percent for rehabilitative services, and five percent for the Department of Rehabilitative Services' costs for administering and staffing the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board. Enactment clauses repeat the present health provisions, require the Commissioner of Rehabilitative Services to promulgate emergency regulations, continue the previously appointed Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board, and preserve the Board of Health's regulations and grant application, review, and award procedures until the Commissioner of Rehabilitative Services promulgates emergency or final regulations.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimate:

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03	\$575,000*	1.00	NGF
2003-04	\$575,000*	1.00	NGF

*Note: This appropriation currently exists within the Department of Health's budget (Senate Bill 30, Item 312, Dedicated Special Revenue). The position added for administration of the Fund is not currently in the budget.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 347 should be amended to increase the nongeneral fund appropriation for Department of Rehabilitative Services and add one nongeneral fund position. In addition, Item 312 should be amended to decrease the nongeneral fund appropriation for Virginia Department of Health.

8. Fiscal implications: This legislation changes the distribution of the funds in the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative (CNI) Trust Fund. The CNI Trust Fund was created in 1997 (SB 1132) as a special non-reverting fund administered by an Advisory Board. In 1998, the law was amended to provide that: (i) money in the CNI Trust Fund "shall be used solely

to support grants for Virginia -based organizations, institutions, and researchers” and (ii) “fifty percent [of the money in the Fund] shall be allocated for research on the mechanisms and treatment of neurotrauma and fifty percent shall be allocated for rehabilitative services.” Under the proposed legislation, the provisions of the program remain the same except that the CNITrust Fund will be allocated 47.5 percent for research on neurotrauma, 47.5 percent for rehabilitative services, and five percent for the Department of Rehabilitative Services' costs for administering and staffing the CNI Advisory Board. The agency needs one non-general fund position for administrative functions.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Rehabilitative Services, Virginia Department of Health

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources