

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 1923  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 23, 2017, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; April 3, 2017,  
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 14, Nays 0;  
 1-5 April 3, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to infrastructure funding for state hospital facilities  
 1-26 and other state facilities, including the creation of the state  
 1-27 hospital fund.

1-28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-29 SECTION 1. Chapter 552, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
 1-30 by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

1-31 SUBCHAPTER E. STATE HOSPITAL FUND

1-32 Sec. 552.201. PURPOSE; INTENT. (a) The legislature  
 1-33 recognizes the importance of providing funding for this state's  
 1-34 infrastructure needs at state hospitals and other state facilities.  
 1-35 The purpose of this Act is to ensure:

1-36 (1) the safety and security of patients, system  
 1-37 employees, and visitors;

1-38 (2) that care for patients is provided in a setting  
 1-39 that represents the standard of mental health care;

1-40 (3) collaboration with the state's health-related  
 1-41 institutions of higher education to educate and expand our mental  
 1-42 health workforce; and

1-43 (4) the reduction of recidivism and waiting lists in  
 1-44 the state hospital system.

1-45 (b) To accomplish this purpose, this Act creates the state  
 1-46 hospital fund.

1-47 Sec. 552.202. FUND. (a) The state hospital fund is an  
 1-48 account in the state treasury.

1-49 (b) The fund consists of:

1-50 (1) any amount deposited, paid, or appropriated by the  
 1-51 legislature;

1-52 (2) all amounts paid lawfully into the fund from any  
 1-53 other source; and

1-54 (3) all interest or other earnings on money credited  
 1-55 to the fund.

1-56 (c) Money deposited to the credit of the fund may be used  
 1-57 only as provided by this subchapter.

1-58 Sec. 552.203. USE OF FUND. Money appropriated from the  
 1-59 state hospital fund shall be used for the purposes described by  
 1-60 Section 552.201.

1-61 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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