

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1018
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Appropriations
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, the comptroller of public accounts receives a portion of the money collected from state traffic fines. Of that money received, the comptroller is required by law to deposit 70 percent to the credit of the undedicated portion of the general revenue fund and 30 percent to the credit of the designated trauma facility and emergency medical services account in the general revenue fund. S.B. 1018 seeks to revise that allocation by requiring the comptroller to deposit 50 percent to the credit of the undedicated portion of the general revenue fund and 50 percent to the credit of the designated trauma facility and emergency medical services account in the general revenue fund.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 1018 amends the Transportation Code to revise the allocation of money received by the comptroller of public accounts from state traffic fines in the following manner:

- decrease from 70 to 50 the percentage of that money that the comptroller must deposit to the credit of the undedicated portion of the general revenue fund, subject to the \$250 million cap on such deposits for a state fiscal year in current law; and
- increase from 30 to 50 the percentage of that money that the comptroller must deposit to the credit of the designated trauma facility and emergency medical services account in the general revenue fund.

S.B. 1018 applies only to the distribution of revenue collected on or after the bill's effective date. The distribution of revenue collected before that date is governed by the law in effect at the time the revenue was collected, and that law is continued in effect for the purpose of the distribution of that revenue.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.