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HB 2594: trauma recovery centers; grants Sponsor: Representative Toma, LD 22 Transmitted to the Governor

<u>Overview</u>

Creates the Trauma Recovery Center Fund (Fund) to support and provide grants to trauma recovery centers. Outlines eligibility for trauma recovery centers and defines terms.

<u>History</u>

The Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) is required to develop and administer a statewide emergency medical services and trauma system to implement Arizona emergency medical services and trauma system plan. Statute requires DHS to adopt rules and establish standards, including: 1) injury prevention activities to decrease the incidence of trauma and decrease the societal cost of preventable mortality and morbidity; 2) public access to prehospital emergency medical services; and 3) a statewide network of trauma centers that provide trauma care and to which trauma patients can be transported (A.R.S. § 36-2225).

Provisions

- 1. Requires the Fund to consist of legislative appropriations, grants and contributions and to be administered by the Director of DHS. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Specifies that monies in the Fund are subject to legislative appropriation and exempt from lapsing. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Requires DHS to:
 - a) Establish priorities for the Fund in consultation with a national alliance that supports trauma recovery centers; and
 - b) To spend monies in the Fund to provide grants to trauma recovery centers. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Specifies that for a trauma recovery center to be eligible to receive a grant it must adhere to the guidelines for operating and implementing trauma recover centers developed by a national alliance of trauma recovery centers. (Sec. 1)
- 5. Directs DHS, annually on October 1, to provide an annual report to the Governor and Legislature and a copy of the report to the Secretary of State that includes information from each trauma recovery center that receives grant monies on the population served. (Sec. 1)
- 6. Contains legislative findings. (Sec. 2)
- 7. Defines terms. (Sec. 1)