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CREATE BRAIN INJURY FUND

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House Bills 4079 and 4080
Sponsor: Rep. Maxine Berman
Committee: Public Health

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4079 AND 4080 AS INTRODUCED 2-2-89

House Bill 4079 would add two new sections to the Public Health Code (MCL 333.5416 and 333.5417) to create a spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury research fund in the Department of Treasury to be administered by the Department of Public Health. Money in the fund would come from assessments that would be imposed by House Bill 4080, and could be used only for spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury research. The bill also would create a research advisory panel as part of the Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Subcommittee of the Chronic Disease Advisory Committee in the department. The research advisory committee would be charged with advising the department on the distribution of money from the fund, the kind of research to be funded, and eligibility requirements for grants from the fund.

House Bill 4080 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.907) to increase, by one dollar, assessments levied by district courts for civil infractions under the code. Currently, the code requires that \$5 be assessed by district courts for each civil infraction (except for parking violations or for violations with fines of \$10 or less), with the money being sent to the Michigan Justice Training Fund. The bill would raise this \$5 assessment to \$6, and specify that \$5 be sent to the Michigan Justice Training Fund and \$1 be sent to the Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Fund.

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