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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024**

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Introduced By: Representatives Shallcross Smith, Ajello, McEntee, Cortvriend, Fenton-Fung, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: January 17, 2024

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 23-1-45 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-1 entitled "Department  
2 of Health" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **23-1-45. Immunization account.**

4           (a) There is created within the general fund a restricted receipt account to be known as the  
5 "childhood immunization account". All money in the account shall be utilized by the department  
6 of health to effectuate the provisions of § 23-1-44 that relate to the childhood immunization  
7 program. All money received pursuant to §§ 23-1-46 and 23-1-47 for the childhood immunization  
8 program shall be deposited in the childhood immunization account. Funding dedicated exclusively  
9 to effectuate the provisions of § 23-1-44 and this subsection received by the department of health  
10 from sources other than those identified in §§ 23-1-46 and 23-1-47 may also be deposited in the  
11 childhood immunization account. Up to 15% of the annual revenues from this account may be used  
12 to support costs associated with childhood immunization program administrative and quality  
13 assurance services and KIDSNET. The general treasurer is authorized and directed to draw his or  
14 her orders on the account upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers from the department of  
15 health. Provided that for FY 2025 only, the department shall use up to eight hundred fifty thousand  
16 dollars (\$850,000) of available resources from the account to effectuate coverage for the following  
17 services: the existing PediPRN and MomsPRN information lines together with any additional  
18 information line, referral service, or hotline which is available to providers or residents in the state,  
19 and which is funded pursuant to regulation adopted by the director of the department of health. The

1 [department must submit a report to the speaker of the house and senate president no later than](#)  
2 [March 1, 2025, regarding use of these funds as well as recommendations for support beyond FY](#)  
3 [2025.](#)

4 (b) There is created within the general fund a restricted receipt account to be known as the  
5 “pandemic medications and equipment account” for the purposes of funding pandemic medications  
6 and equipment. There shall be an expenditure in FY 2007 not to exceed one million dollars  
7 (\$1,000,000) for pandemic influenza medications and equipment. Funding dedicated exclusively  
8 to effectuate the provisions of this subsection and received by the department of health from sources  
9 other than those identified in §§ 23-1-45, 23-1-46 and 23-1-47 may also be deposited in the  
10 pandemic medications and equipment account. The general treasurer is authorized and directed to  
11 draw his or her orders on the account upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers from the  
12 department of health.

13 (c) There is created within the general fund a restricted receipt account to be known as the  
14 “adult immunization account”. All funds in the account shall be utilized by the department of health  
15 to effectuate the provisions of § 23-1-44 that relate to the adult immunization program. All funds  
16 received for adult immunization programs pursuant to §§ 23-1-46 and 23-1-47 shall be deposited  
17 in the adult immunization account. Funding dedicated exclusively to effectuate the provisions of  
18 this subsection and received by the department of health from sources other than those identified  
19 in §§ 23-1-46 and 23-1-47 may also be deposited in the adult immunization account. The general  
20 treasurer is authorized and directed to draw his or her orders on the account upon receipt of properly  
21 authenticated vouchers from the department of health. [Provided that for FY 2025 only, the](#)  
22 [department shall use up to eight hundred fifty thousand dollars \(\\$850,000\) of available resources](#)  
23 [from the account to effectuate coverage for the following services: the existing PediPRN and](#)  
24 [MomsPRN information lines together with any additional information line, referral service, or](#)  
25 [hotline which is available to providers or residents in the state, and which is funded pursuant to](#)  
26 [regulation adopted by the director of the department of health. The department must submit a report](#)  
27 [to the speaker of the house and senate president no later than March 1, 2025, regarding use of these](#)  
28 [funds as well as recommendations for support beyond FY 2025.](#)

29 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would designate, for fiscal year 2025, the usage for certain funds within the  
2 immunization account.

3           This act would take effect on July 1, 2024.

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