

**Excerpts from HB3588 (78<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature) related to “Innovative Projects”**

**H.B. No. 3588**

AN ACT

relating to the construction, acquisition, financing, maintenance, management, operation, ownership, and control of transportation facilities and the progress, improvement, policing, and safety of transportation in the state; imposing criminal penalties.

**Sec. 780.004. PAYMENTS FROM THE ACCOUNT.** (a) The commissioner, with advice and counsel from the chairpersons of the trauma service area regional advisory councils, shall use money appropriated from the account established under this chapter to fund designated trauma facilities, county and regional emergency medical services, and trauma care systems in accordance with this section.

(b) The commissioner shall maintain a reserve of \$500,000 of money appropriated from the account for extraordinary emergencies.

(c) In any fiscal year, the commissioner shall use at least 96 percent of the money appropriated from the account, after any amount necessary to maintain the reserve established by Subsection (b) is deducted, to fund a portion of the uncompensated trauma care provided at facilities designated as state trauma facilities by the department or an undesignated facility in active pursuit of designation. Funds may be disbursed under this subsection based on a proportionate share of uncompensated trauma care provided in the state and may be used to fund **innovative projects** to enhance the delivery of patient care in the overall emergency medical services and trauma care system.