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**Act No. 118 (H.711). Human Services; substance use**

**An act relating to the creation of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee and the Opioid Abatement Special Fund**

This act establishes the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee and the Opioid Abatement Special Fund (Special Fund) to comply with any opioid litigation settlements to which the State or municipalities of the State are a party regarding the management and expenditure of monies received by the State. The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee is directed to identify spending priorities from the Special Fund to the Governor, the Department of Health (Department), and the General Assembly.

This act designates the Department as the lead State agency and single point of contact for submitting requests for funding to the national settlement fund administrator. It directs that approved requests be disbursed to the Department for deposit into the Special Fund. This act specifies that the Special Fund shall consist of all abatement account fund monies disbursed to the Department from the national abatement account fund, the national opioid abatement trust, the supplemental opioid abatement fund, or any other settlement funds that are required to be used exclusively for opioid prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services.

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