



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3954

Introduced 2/6/2026, by Sen. Erica Harriss

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/5.1038 new
30 ILCS 105/6z-149 new

Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Illinois Pediatric Cancer Fund. Provides that the Fund is a special fund in the State Treasury that may be used to provide grants to certain eligible people, institutions, and organizations for the purpose of conducting pediatric cancer research, prevention, and treatment. Provides that the Fund shall consist of moneys appropriated by the General Assembly and collected from any donations or other source for the benefit of the Fund. Provides limitations for the distribution of the Fund. Provides that the unspent portions of the Fund shall remain in the Fund and may not revert to any other fund of the State. Provides that the Department of Health and Family Services shall submit a report to the General Assembly concerning the administration of the Fund. Provides that the Department shall adopt rules to implement a pediatric cancer grant program under the provision.

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1 AN ACT concerning finance.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Sections 5.1038 and 6z-149 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.1038 new)

7 Sec. 5.1038. The Illinois Pediatric Cancer Fund.

8 (30 ILCS 105/6z-149 new)

9 Sec. 6z-149. Illinois Pediatric Cancer Fund.

10 (a) As used in this Section:

11 "Department" means the Department of Healthcare and Family
12 Services.

13 "Fund" means the Illinois Pediatric Cancer Fund.

14 "Pediatric cancer research" includes research to develop
15 and advance the understanding of pediatric cancer and the
16 techniques and modalities effective in the prevention, cure,
17 screening, and treatment of pediatric cancer.

18 (b) The Illinois Pediatric Cancer Fund is created as a
19 special fund in the State treasury. Moneys in the fund may be
20 used to provide grants to certain eligible people,
21 institutions, and organizations for the purposes of conducting
22 pediatric cancer research, prevention, and treatment. Moneys

1 in the fund may also be used by the Department for expenses
2 associated with the administration of the Fund. The Fund may
3 receive revenue from appropriations by the General Assembly
4 and any donations or other moneys accepted for the benefit of
5 the Fund.

6 (c) The Department shall administer the Fund. The Fund
7 shall only be used for the purposes set forth in this Section
8 and any unspent portions of the Fund shall remain in the Fund
9 and may not revert to any other fund of the State. Moneys
10 expended from the Fund for pediatric cancer research is
11 supplemental and is not intended to take the place of funding
12 that would otherwise be appropriated to the Department for
13 pediatric cancer research.

14 (d) The Department may annually distribute moneys from the
15 Fund to a promotional account to be allocated to a State-based
16 childhood cancer organization to be used to promote further
17 donations to the Fund and to educate the scientific community
18 in this State about the opportunities for childhood cancer
19 research through the Fund. The amounts distributed and used
20 under this subsection may not exceed a total of 5% of moneys in
21 the Fund.

22 (e) After making the distributions allowed under
23 subsection (d) and using moneys in the Fund necessary to
24 administer the Fund, the Department shall use the remainder of
25 the Fund to provide grants to eligible physicians, hospitals,
26 laboratories, educational institutions, and other

1 organizations and persons to conduct pediatric cancer
2 research. Moneys received from the grant program under this
3 Section may not be used to pay for institutional overhead
4 expenses, organizational expenses, charges that are not
5 directly related to pediatric cancer research, or expenses
6 arising from community-based support services.

7 (f) On or before August 31, 2027, and each year
8 thereafter, the Department shall submit a report to the
9 General Assembly on the administration of the Fund. The report
10 required under this subsection shall include:

11 (1) a description of the promotional efforts
12 undertaken with moneys from the Fund; and

13 (2) a detailed accounting of the use of the Fund.

14 (g) The Department shall adopt rules to implement a
15 pediatric cancer grant program under this Section.