

IC 16-41-42.2

Chapter 42.2. Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research

IC 16-41-42.2-1

"Board"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the spinal cord and brain injury research board established by section 5 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.3-2008, SEC.113.

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"Fund"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the spinal cord and brain injury fund established by section 3 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.3-2008, SEC.113.

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Spinal cord and brain injury fund

Sec. 3. (a) The spinal cord and brain injury fund is established to fund research on spinal cord and brain injuries.

(b) The fund shall be administered by the state department.

(c) The fund consists of:

(1) appropriations;

(2) gifts and bequests;

(3) fees deposited in the fund by law; and

(4) grants received from the federal government or private sources.

(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested.

(f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

(g) The money in the fund is continually appropriated to the state department to fund spinal cord and brain injury research programs.

As added by P.L.3-2008, SEC.113. Amended by P.L.97-2008, SEC.5.

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Purposes of fund

Sec. 4. The fund is to be used for the following purposes:

(1) Establishing and maintaining a state medical surveillance registry for traumatic spinal cord and brain injuries.

(2) Fulfilling the duties of the board established by section 5 of this chapter.

(3) Funding research related to the treatment and cure of spinal cord and brain injuries, including acute management, medical complications, rehabilitative techniques, and neuronal recovery.

Research must be conducted in compliance with all state and federal laws.

As added by P.L.3-2008, SEC.113.

IC 16-41-42.2-5

Spinal cord and brain injury research board; members; duties

Sec. 5. (a) The spinal cord and brain injury research board is established for the purpose of administering the fund. The board is composed of nine (9) members.

(b) The following four (4) members of the board shall be appointed by the governor:

(1) One (1) member who has a spinal cord or head injury or who has a family member with a spinal cord or head injury.

(2) One (1) member who is a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 who has specialty training in neuroscience and surgery.

(3) One (1) member who is a physiatrist holding a board certification from the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

(4) One (1) member representing the technical life sciences industry.

(c) Five (5) members of the board shall be appointed as follows:

(1) One (1) member representing Indiana University to be appointed by Indiana University.

(2) One (1) member representing Purdue University to be appointed by Purdue University.

(3) One (1) member representing the National Spinal Cord Injury Association to be appointed by the National Spinal Cord Injury Association.

(4) One (1) member representing the largest freestanding rehabilitation hospital for brain and spinal cord injuries in Indiana to be appointed by the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana located in Indianapolis.

(5) One (1) member representing the American Brain Injury Association to be appointed by the Brain Injury Association of Indiana.

(d) The term of a member is four (4) years. A member serves until a successor is appointed and qualified. If a vacancy occurs on the board before the end of a member's term, the appointing authority appointing the vacating member shall appoint an individual to serve the remainder of the vacating member's term.

(e) A majority of the members appointed to the board constitutes a quorum. The affirmative votes of a majority of the members are required for the board to take action on any measure.

(f) Each member of the board is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(g) The board shall annually elect a chairperson who shall be the

presiding officer of the board. The board may establish other officers and procedures as the board determines necessary.

(h) The board shall meet at least two (2) times each year. The chairperson may call additional meetings.

(i) The state department shall provide staff for the board. The state department shall maintain a registry of the members of the board. An appointing authority shall provide written confirmation of an appointment to the board to the state department in the form and manner specified by the state department.

(j) The board shall do the following:

(1) Consider policy matters relating to spinal cord and brain injury research projects and programs under this chapter.

(2) Consider research applications and make grants for approved research projects under this chapter.

(3) Formulate policies and procedures concerning the operation of the board.

(4) Review and authorize spinal cord and brain injury research projects and programs to be financed under this chapter. For purposes of this subdivision, the board may establish an independent scientific advisory panel composed of scientists and clinicians who are not members of the board to review proposals submitted to the board and make recommendations to the board. Collaborations are encouraged with other Indiana-based researchers as well as researchers located outside Indiana, including researchers in other countries.

(5) Review and approve progress and final research reports on projects authorized under this chapter.

(6) Review and make recommendations concerning the expenditure of money from the fund.

(7) Take other action necessary for the purpose stated in subsection (a).

(8) Provide to the governor, the general assembly, and the legislative council an annual report not later than January 30 of each year showing the status of funds appropriated under this chapter. The report to the general assembly and the legislative council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(k) A member of the board is exempt from civil liability arising or thought to arise from an action taken in good faith as a member of the board.

As added by P.L.3-2008, SEC.113.

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Rules

Sec. 6. The state department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

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