

SCS SB 858 & 868 -- Healthcare Technology Fund

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This substitute establishes the Healthcare Technology Fund administered by the Department of Social Services to promote technological advances to improve patient care, decrease administrative burdens, and increase patient and healthcare provider satisfaction. Any programs or improvements on technology must include encouragement and implementation of technologies intended to improve the safety, quality, and costs of health care services.

Moneys in the fund cannot be expended to the financial benefit of any elected public official or any state employee who has direct decision-making or administrative authority over disbursements from the fund. At least 25% of the funds annually disbursed must be dedicated to technological upgrades and the promotion of technological advances in medically under-served communities and populations.

The department must establish the procedures and methods for implementing the substitute.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.