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House Bill 4825 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Michael C. Murphy  
House Committee: Family and Children Services  
Senate Committee: Families and Human Services

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 249 of 1982, which provides for the Children's Trust Fund, to allow the disbursement of Fund money by the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, without regard to the total amount in the Fund.

Under the Act, until the total amount of assets in the Fund exceeds \$20.0 million, not more than half of the money contributed to the Fund each year, plus the interest and earnings credited to the Fund during the previous fiscal year, may be available for disbursement upon the authorization of the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board as provided in the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Act.

Under the bill, the money would be available for distribution regardless of the total amount of assets in the Fund.

The bill also would delete a provision that, if the State Treasurer certifies that Fund assets exceed \$20.0 million, only the interest and earnings credited to the Fund may be available for disbursement upon the Board's authorization.

MCL 21.171

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the State. From FY 1999-2000 to FY 2003-2004, the appropriation for the Children's Trust Fund grants has been \$3.6 million each year. The expenditures during that period have increased approximately 13%, from \$2 million to \$2.3 million. The fund sources include the State Children's Trust Fund and Federal funds. The Trust Fund expenditures have increased 94% and Federal funds have decreased 42%. Currently, the Fund interest and earnings are available for allocation by the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board. The amendments would make available half of the contributions in addition to interest and earnings each year, removing the limit on how much can be distributed.

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