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By Senator Padden

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On page 6, line 27, after "fees." insert "Funding for a prevailing hospital to recover the costs of litigation and reasonable attorneys' fees under this section must be paid from the department's local account where fees and charges for the regulation of hospitals are deposited or the state general fund if payment would result in a cash deficit to the department's local account. The department shall not increase hospital licensing fees for the sole purpose of funding a prevailing hospital's costs of litigation and reasonable attorneys' fees under this section."

EFFECT: Requires the state general fund cover the funding for a prevailing hospital's costs of litigation and reasonable attorneys' fees if payment would result in a cash deficit to the hospital regulatory program account. Prohibits DOH from increasing hospital licensing fees for the sole purpose of funding a prevailing hospital's costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees.