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**H.B. 91**  
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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Odioso and Deeter

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The bill appropriates \$5.0 million in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027 from the GRF, under the budget of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, to support the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Treatment Accelerator Program and the TBI Treatment Accelerator Program Oversight Review Board.
- State universities may receive additional revenue via grants approved under the program, subject to providing a dollar-for-dollar match.

### Detailed Analysis

The bill appropriates \$5.0 million in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027 from new GRF line item 2354A1, TBI Treatment Accelerator Program, to support the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Treatment Accelerator Program, which the bill creates under the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) to advance scientific research about TBIs, develop TBI treatments, and promote Ohio as a TBI research biohub. It requires the Brain Injury Research Foundation (BIRF), a nonprofit organization, to administer the program on behalf of ODHE and conduct it as a public-private partnership. Under the program, BIRF must coordinate and award dollar-for-dollar matching grants to entity partners, including universities, to support TBI research conducted in Ohio. Each year BIRF must provide to certain state agencies and the General Assembly a report detailing the program's progress and an independent audit of the program. Additionally, it must regularly provide information about funded projects as well as access to its grants management software system to the TBI Treatment Accelerator Program Oversight Review Board.

The bill also requires ODHE to attempt to avoid redundant TBI research, ensure transparency and accountability in the use of program funds, and take appropriate measures to address any instances of fraud, waste, or abuse. As part of those duties, ODHE must establish,

and appoint members to, the TBI Treatment Accelerator Program Oversight Review Board, consisting of between five and 13 members, to provide guidance to BIRF and oversee the program's implementation and responsible allocation of funds. Board members will not be compensated for serving, but will be reimbursed for ordinary travel expenses, including meals and lodging incurred in the performance of their duties. The bill requires the Board to be attached to ODHE for administrative purposes. As such, any increase in ODHE's administrative costs to support the activities of the Board may be offset by appropriations from line item 2354A1.