

Appropriations Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1527

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A RECOMMENDATION OF THE AUDITORS OF

Title: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS REGARDING NONLAPSING ACCOUNTS.

Vote Date: 4/24/2025

Vote Action: JOINT FAVORABLE

PH Date: 3/28/2025

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Appropriations Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill implements a recommendation by the Auditors of Public Accounts to amend all sections of the General Statutes that contain any reference to "a separate, non-lapsing account within the General Fund, ". The Auditors advised that the change would ensure consistency between statutory requirements and the state's current accounting practices in which the Federal and Other Restricted Accounts Special Revenue Fund is used to account for such funds.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None offered

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None offered

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[Christina Capitan- Co-Founder- CT CannaWarriors](#)

Ms Capitan opposes SB 1527 as she believes that a number of program-related accounts would be moved from the General Fund to separate, non-lapsing accounts that would lack transparency and accountability once removed.

Lou Rinaldi- Data and Policy Analyst

Mr Rinaldi strongly opposes this bill as he believes it would expand the Department of Consumer Protection's (DCP) regulatory responsibilities without proper accountability.

Dr Linda Dalessio

Dr Dalessio expresses concern that with Federal funding to individual states under greater scrutiny, SB 1527 will establish a slush fund for Connecticut utilizing taxpayer money.

Reported by: Chris Reddy

Date: April 30, 2025