



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5164

House of Representatives, March 16, 2026

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY of the 133rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS IN THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 4-28e of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2026*):

4 (c) Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, until June
5 30, 2025, annual disbursements from the Tobacco Settlement Fund shall
6 be made as follows: (1) To the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund in an
7 amount equal to twelve million dollars; and (2) the remainder to the
8 General Fund. ~~]; except that for]~~ For the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~[2025]~~
9 2026, ~~[the]~~ such annual ~~[disbursement from the Tobacco Settlement~~
10 ~~Fund]~~ disbursements shall be made to the General Fund. Commencing
11 with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, annual disbursements from
12 said fund shall be made as follows: (A) To the Tobacco and Health Trust
13 Fund in an amount equal to thirty-two million dollars; and (B) the

14 remainder to the General Fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	4-28e(c)

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Tobacco Health Trust Fund	ZCW42 - Revenue Gain	20,000,000	20,000,000
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	20,000,000	20,000,000

Note: ZCW42=Tobacco Health Trust Fund; GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases the share of the Tobacco Settlement Fund's annual proceeds dedicated to the Tobacco Health Trust Fund, with a corresponding decrease to the General Fund's share of the proceeds. The change in the bill is permanent, beginning in FY 27. As background, the General Fund is set to receive an [estimated](#) \$90.2 million revenue through the Tobacco Settlement Fund in FY 27.

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Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

Starting in FY 27, this bill increases, from \$12 million to \$32 million, the amount of Tobacco Settlement Fund proceeds that must be annually directed to the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund rather than to the General Fund. For FY 26, the entire annual disbursement from the Tobacco Settlement Fund goes to the General Fund.

By law, the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund’s board must recommend annual disbursements to programs for specified purposes, including tobacco and nicotine use reduction through prevention, education, and cessation. The board must submit its recommendations to the Appropriations and Public Health committees for approval (CGS § 4-28f).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/02/2026)