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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5364**

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT TRUST FUND.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill redirects annual disbursements from the Tobacco Settlement Fund, starting in FY 23. It provides that, after the required General Fund transfer, an additional \$4 million from the settlement fund goes to the General Fund, with any remaining funds directed to the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund. Under current law, the entire annual disbursement from the Tobacco Settlement Fund goes to the General Fund.

The bill retains provisions in current law capping at \$ 12 million the amount that the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund's Board of Trustees may recommend be disbursed annually from the fund. It specifies that they may recommend disbursements to programs for the fund's statutory purposes (i.e., tobacco use prevention, education, and cessation; substance abuse reduction; and unmet physical and mental health needs of the state).

The bill also makes several technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 31    Nay 0    (03/16/2022)