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AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS IN THE OPIOID AND TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE AS PART OF ANY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH A MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEM AND VAPOR PRODUCTS.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

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Section 1 removes the provision in the underlying bill that would have increased the statutory transfer of tobacco settlement fund proceeds to the tobacco and health trust fund beginning in FY 24. This provision of the underlying bill would have resulted in a \$10.7 million revenue gain annually to the tobacco and health trust fund and commensurate revenue loss to the General Fund.

Section 1 clarifies how proceeds¹ from the recent, multi-state JUUL settlement shall be made available to support substance abuse prevention services, which has no fiscal impact.

Sections 501 and 502 enable recovery of certain tobacco funds placed in escrow for the benefit of Connecticut. According to testimony by the Office of the Attorney General, some non-participating manufacturers may be defunct or have very few funds in their accounts. The bill would allow them (or banks holding the accounts, if the non-participating manufacturer has abandoned them) to close the account and transfer the

¹ CT proceeds of approximately \$16.2 million in total are anticipated over six to ten years.

money to the state Tobacco and Health Trust Fund.

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