
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6974

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

SUMMARY

Starting in FY 26, 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. As under existing law, for FY 25, 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's recommendations are submitted to the Appropriations and Public Health committees for approval (CGS § 4-28f).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/05/2025)