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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO USE PREVENTION PROGRAMS
FOR PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-28e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

3 (a) There is created a Tobacco Settlement Fund which shall be a
4 separate nonlapsing fund. Any funds received by the state from the
5 Master Settlement Agreement executed November 23, 1998, shall be
6 deposited into the fund.

7 (b) (1) The Treasurer is authorized to invest all or any part of the
8 Tobacco Settlement Fund, all or any part of the Tobacco and Health
9 Trust Fund created in section 4-28f and all or any part of the Biomedical
10 Research Trust Fund created in section 19a-32c. The interest derived
11 from any such investment shall be credited to the resources of the fund
12 from which the investment was made.

13 (2) Notwithstanding sections 3-13 to 3-13h, inclusive, the Treasurer
14 shall invest the amounts on deposit in the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the

15 Tobacco and Health Trust Fund and the Biomedical Research Trust
16 Fund in a manner reasonable and appropriate to achieve the objectives
17 of such funds, exercising the discretion and care of a prudent person in
18 similar circumstances with similar objectives. The Treasurer shall give
19 due consideration to rate of return, risk, term or maturity,
20 diversification of the total portfolio within such funds, liquidity, the
21 projected disbursements and expenditures, and the expected payments,
22 deposits, contributions and gifts to be received. The Treasurer shall not
23 be required to invest such funds directly in obligations of the state or
24 any political subdivision of the state or in any investment or other fund
25 administered by the Treasurer. The assets of such funds shall be
26 continuously invested and reinvested in a manner consistent with the
27 objectives of such funds until disbursed in accordance with this section,
28 section 4-28f or section 19a-32c.

29 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
30 thereafter, disbursements from the Tobacco Settlement Fund shall be
31 made to the General Fund in the amount identified as "Transfer from
32 Tobacco Settlement Fund" in the General Fund revenue schedule
33 adopted by the General Assembly.

34 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, five million dollars shall
35 be disbursed from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to a tobacco grant
36 account to be established in the Office of Policy and Management. Such
37 funds shall not lapse on June 30, 2000, and shall continue to be available
38 for expenditure during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.

39 (e) Tobacco grants shall be made from the account established
40 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section by the Secretary of the Office
41 of Policy and Management in consultation with the speaker of the
42 House of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the
43 majority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of
44 the Senate, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the
45 minority leader of the Senate, and the cochairpersons and ranking
46 members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly

47 having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
48 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, or their designees.
49 Such grants shall be used to reduce tobacco abuse through prevention,
50 education, cessation, treatment, enforcement and health needs
51 programs.

52 (f) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, and each fiscal year
53 thereafter, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is appropriated to
54 the Department of Revenue Services and the sum of twenty-five
55 thousand dollars is appropriated to the office of the Attorney General
56 for the enforcement of the provisions of sections 4-28h to 4-28q,
57 inclusive.

58 (g) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and each fiscal year
59 thereafter, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is appropriated to
60 the office of the Attorney General for the development of educational
61 programs for persons under twenty-one years of age concerning the
62 health dangers presented by tobacco use in any form. Such programs
63 shall be developed by the office of the Attorney General in collaboration
64 with local health districts and student groups expressing an interest in
65 participating in the development of such programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	4-28e

Statement of Purpose:

To provide additional state financial resources for the development of tobacco use prevention programs for persons under twenty-one years of age.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]