

By Senator Wise

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to tobacco settlement agreement proceeds; requiring the disbursement of a portion of the interest from tobacco settlement agreement proceeds to the Department of Health for specified purposes; providing for future repeal; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) To make a significant impact on the use of tobacco products by children under the age of 18, beginning July 1, 2004, 10 percent of the interest paid pursuant to the tobacco settlement agreement as defined in section 215.56005, Florida Statutes, shall be distributed to the Department of Health to be used to:

(a) Maintain the statewide advocacy organization, Students Working Against Tobacco, as well as local partnerships.

(b) Provide each county with a coordinator and staff to act as liaison to the Department of Health to coordinate anti-underage-smoking efforts.

(c) Develop and implement a statewide advertising campaign as it relates to underage smoking.

(d) Purchase and distribute educational materials for the school system relating to the dangers of underage smoking.

(e) Enhance the enforcement of youth possession laws.

(2) This section expires 5 years after the effective date of this act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.