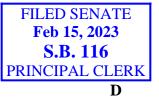
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2023



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SENATE BILL DRS45040-MGa-43A

	Short Title:	2023 Youth END Act.	(Public)			
	Sponsors:	Senators Corbin, Adcock, and Burgin (Primary Sponsors).				
	Referred to:					
1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED				
2	AN ACT EN	ACTING THE "YOUTH END NICOTINE DEPENDENCE A	ACT" OR "YOUTH			
3	END ACT."					
4	Whereas, in North Carolina, use of electronic cigarettes among high school studen					
5	has risen one thousand one hundred twenty-nine percent (1,129%) since 2011; and					
6	Whereas, in North Carolina, twenty-seven and three-tenths percent (27.3%) of youth					
7	use tobacco products; and					
8	Whereas, electronic cigarettes are tobacco products under North Carolina law; and					
9	Whereas, youth are becoming addicted to electronic cigarettes at an alarming rate and					
10	are finding it difficult to quit; and					
11	0	hereas, the United States Surgeon General has reported the	at use of products			
12		cotine in any form among young people is unsafe, secondhand				
13	aerosol that is exhaled into the air by users is not harmless, and states must take action to preven					
14	harm rather than waiting for harm to occur; and					
15	W	hereas, evidence shows that funding to create state and comm	nunity interventions			
16	that encourag	e individuals to avoid tobacco use and help perpetuate social no	orms that discourage			
17	tobacco use are some of the most effective ways to prevent tobacco use and tobacco-relate					
18	chronic disease and death among youth; and					
19	W	hereas, North Carolina receives approximately one hundred for	orty million dollars			
20	(\$140,000,00	0) every year from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement,	which was intended			
21	to be used for	r tobacco use prevention programs; and				
22	W	hereas, by spending a fraction of the Tobacco Master Settlement	nt Agreement funds			
23	on prevention, North Carolina can save on future medical costs caused by tobacco-related					
24	illnesses and prevent thousands of youth from becoming daily tobacco users; and					
25		hereas, the General Assembly finds that an investment of seven				
26	(\$17,000,000) per year in tobacco use prevention programs is required to prevent youth electronic					
27	cigarette nicotine dependence in North Carolina; Now, therefore,					
28	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:					
29		ECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Y	Youth End Nicotine			
30	-	Act" or the "Youth END Act."				
31	SECTION 2. Article 39 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding					
32	a new section to read:					
33		" <u>§ 14-313.5. Tobacco Use Prevention Fund.</u>				
34		efinitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:				
35	<u>(1</u>) Department. – The Department of Health and Human Serv	vices.			



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1 2	<u>(2)</u>	<u>Fund. – The Tobacco Use Prevention Fund establish</u> of this section.	ed under subsection (b)		
3	(b) Estab	lishment and Purpose. – The Tobacco Use Prevention F	Fund is established as an		
4		special fund in the Department of Health and Human Ser			
5		Disease and Injury Section. The purpose of the Fund is t			
6	and emerging tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, especially among youth and				
7		earing age. The Fund shall consist of the amounts appro-			
8		eserve Fund pursuant to G.S. 143C-9-3(a1). Any balance	-		
9	at the end of any fiscal year is carried forward in the Fund for the next succeeding fiscal year for				
10	the purposes set forth in this section. (c) Use of Moneys. – The Department is prohibited from expending moneys in the Fund				
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12	for any purposes other than the administrative purposes authorized by subsection (d) of this				
13	section and the f		infuscionations to mucricle		
14	<u>(1)</u>	To fund local health departments through a regional i			
15		community-based education and training of youth lea			
16 17		agencies regarding Centers for Disease Con			
17		evidence-based tobacco use prevention and cessation	interventions, including		
18 19	(2)	interventions addressing e-cigarettes.	a on the bealth make of		
19 20	<u>(2)</u>	For evidence-based media and education campaigns	s on the nearth fisks of		
20 21	(2)	tobacco use, including e-cigarettes. To increase military readiness of members in active r	military convice in North		
21	<u>(3)</u>	Carolina, including members of the North Carolin	•		
22		military reserve components, through tobacco use p			
23 24		policy, systems, and environmental change.	revention and cessation		
24 25	(A)	For grants to community colleges to support a health	v tobacco free campus		
23 26	$\frac{(4)}{(5)}$	To track tobacco use and exposure, including expo			
20 27	<u>(5)</u>	emerging tobacco products, among young people and	-		
28		for tobacco use.	populations most at tisk		
20 29	<u>(6)</u>	To provide technical assistance and oversight of	f regional tobacco use		
30	<u>(0)</u>	prevention programs.	Tegloniai tobacco use		
31	<u>(7)</u>	To conduct an independent evaluation of the reach	and effectiveness of the		
32	<u> </u>	State's tobacco use prevention programs.			
33	(d) Fund	Administration. – The Department shall exercise admin	istrative control over the		
34		se up to ten percent (10%) of the amount appropriated			
35		Settlement Reserve Fund for administrative purposes.			
36	develop guidelines for administering the Fund that are consistent with this section.				
37		al Report. – Annually on March 1, the Department			
38	Services shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services				
39	and the Fiscal Research Division on the expenditures made from the Fund during the preceding				
40	fiscal year. The report shall identify each expenditure by recipient and purpose and shall indicate				
41	the authority unc	ler this section for the expenditure."			
42	SEC	FION 3. G.S. 143C-9-3(a1) reads as rewritten:			
43		year, the following amounts are appropriated from the S	ettlement Reserve Fund:		
44	(i) the sum of sev	venteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$17,500,0	000) from the Settlement		
45		appropriated to The Golden L.E.A.F. (Long-Term E			
46	Foundation), Inc., a nonprofit corporation, and these corporation, and (ii) the sum of seventeen				
47	million dollars (\$17,000,000) to the Tobacco Use Prevention Fund established under				
48	G.S. 14-313.5. The funds shall-appropriated to The Golden L.E.A.F., Inc., are not be subject to				
49	G.S. 143C-6-23. The remainder of the funds credited to the Settlement Reserve Fund each fiscal				
50	year shall be transferred to the General Fund and included in General Fund availability as nontax				
51	revenue."				

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SECTION 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.