

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 1529</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>ENGR</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Wallace</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>5/14/2020</b>
<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust</b>

**Increase in Available MSA Funds**

**Amounts Vary by Year**

**Research Analysis**

The floor amendment to SB 1529 requires funds received from tobacco settlement lawsuits not already appropriated to the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Fund and pending voter approval of SJR 27, to be distributed as follows:

- 91.67% to the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Fund, and
- 8.33% to the Attorney General's Evidence Fund.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The resolution will decrease the percentage of Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payments from seventy-five percent (75%) annually to twenty-five percent (25%), beginning in FY-21, subject to approval by voters.

While annual MSA payments vary somewhat, typical annual payments appear to be in the \$75 million range. The available funds would approximate \$56,250,000, an increase over the current amount of approximately \$18,750,000. The distribution is changed to reflect the modified apportionment of MSA payments. All funds available to the Legislature are to be used to fund Medicaid programs.

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**Other Considerations**

None.