

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: CS/SB 2044

SPONSOR: Committee on Fiscal Policy and Senator Thomas

SUBJECT: Tobacco Lawsuit Settlement

DATE: April 8, 1999 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
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I. Summary:

The bill provides a \$2 million appropriation from non-recurring tobacco settlement trust funds to the Department of Health to reimburse rural counties with a population of less than 75,000 for expenditures associated with treating indigent patients suffering from tobacco-related illnesses.

II. Present Situation:

Currently, section 409.915, F.S., requires counties to contribute 35 percent of the cost for Medicaid inpatient hospital days beginning with days 13 through day 45, with the exception of pregnant women and children whose income is in excess of the federal poverty level and who do not participate in the Medicaid medically needy program.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 provides a \$2 million appropriation from non-recurring tobacco settlement trust funds to the Department of Health to reimburse rural counties for expenditures associated with treating indigent patients suffering from tobacco-related illnesses.

Section 2 directs the Department of Health to disburse funds appropriated to the following counties:

Baker - \$37,000	Bradford - \$33,000	Calhoun - \$35,500	Columbia - \$157,000
DeSoto - \$74,000	Dixie - \$39,500	Flagler - \$59,500	Franklin - \$22,000
Gadsden - \$100,000	Gilchrist - \$7,500	Glades - \$14,000	Gulf - \$21,500
Hamilton - \$31,000	Hardee - \$37,000	Hendry - \$77,000	Holmes - \$61,000

Jackson - \$145,500	Jefferson - \$17,500	Lafayette - \$4,500	Levy - \$76,000
Liberty - \$7000	Madison - \$51,000	Nassau - \$83,000	Okeechobee - \$122,500
Putnam - \$260,500	Sumter - \$90,000	Suwannee - \$97,000	Taylor - \$76,000
Union - \$14,000	Wakulla - \$35,500	Walton - \$77,000	Washington - \$36,500

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

32 counties will receive reimbursement from tobacco settlement funds for expenditures associated with treating indigent patients suffering from tobacco-related illnesses.

C. Government Sector Impact:

It is the intent of the Florida Senate that \$2 million of non-recurring tobacco settlement trust funds be appropriated to reimburse counties with a population of 75,000 or fewer for expenditures associated with treating indigent patients suffering from tobacco-related illnesses.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
