BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 3315
Version: Committee Substitute
Request Number: 10990
Author: Rep. Roe
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Impact: Likely fiscal impact; revenue decrease

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 3315 removes the administrative fine as a penalty for persons under 21 who buy tobacco, nicotine, or vapor products, instead requiring they complete an education or tobacco use cessation program approved by the State Department of Health. The measure also strikes language allowing cities and towns to enact and municipal police officers to enforce ordinances prohibiting and penalizing the purchase or possession of tobacco, nicotine, or vapor products by a person under the age of 21.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to the measure would eliminate the administrative fine that the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission assesses for underage tobacco possession.

Upon review, passage of the measure is likely to have a fiscal impact to the state. By eliminating an administrative fine, the measure would decrease revenue received by the ABLE Commission and deposited in state funds. The total amount of all tobacco fines, which includes the fine described in the measure, collected for FY-2021 was \$14,375.00.

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Other Considerations

None.

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