Fiscal Impact Statement

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BILL: HB1555, As originally introduced

SPONSOR: A. Collins

SUBTITLE:

TO INCREASE COVERAGE FOR MEDICATIONS APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR TOBACCO CESSATION IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.

TOPIC

AFFECTED FUNDS

REVENUE IMPACT

 $\sqrt{\text{Unknown *}}$

ASSUMPTIONS - BASED ON:

 $\sqrt{}$ * Arkansas already covers four of the seven medications provided in Section 2 of the Bill; it is possible the remaining three could be added (as options) at no additional cost.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

 $\sqrt{*}$ Previous research reflects that for every dollar spent on tobacco cessation medications, the state receives a 3 to 1 savings in tobacco-related illness costs.

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