



# Colorado Legislative Council Staff

# **FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: 

State □ Local □ Statutory Public Entity □ Conditional □ No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND

\$0.0	
\$26,277,661	(\$6,060,00 \$6,060,00
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Appropriation Required: None.

**Future Year Impacts:** Eliminates a \$6.06 million transfer from the MTCF to the General Fund for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20.

### **Summary of Legislation**

**Recommended by the Joint Budget Committee**, this bill transfers \$26,277,661 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund (MTCF) to the General Fund and eliminates transfers in future fiscal years that would have paid back the General Fund for money in the Proposition AA refund account.

### **Background**

House Bill 15-1367 referred Proposition BB to voters. The measure asked voters if the state could retain and spend \$66.1 million collected from the voter approved taxes on marijuana that would have otherwise been refunded to taxpayers. The bill also created the Proposition AA refund account so that the state had funds available to comply with the passage or failure of Proposition BB. The refund account included \$30.3 million in General Fund money, which the bill required to be partially repaid from the MTCF in equal installments of \$6.06 million each year through FY 2019-20.

#### **State Revenue**

This bill increases the General Fund money available to be spent in FY 2016-17 and reduces the amount available in the MTCF.

**State transfers.** This bill transfers \$26,277,661 from the MTCF to the General Fund in FY 2016-17. Of this, \$24,240,000 represents the final repayment of the \$30,300,000 transferred into the Proposition AA refund account and \$1,977,661 offsets the General Fund appropriation to the Fort Lyon Supportive Residential Community.

The three remaining annual transfers of \$6,060,000 from the MTCF to the General Fund are eliminated. Table 1 shows the transfers made under current law and this bill.

Table 1. Transfers from the MTCF to the General Fund under Current Law and HB 16-1418					
	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	
<b>Current Law</b>	\$6,060,000	\$6,060,000	\$6,060,000	\$6,060,000	
HB 16-1418	\$26,277,661	\$0	\$0	\$0	

#### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Education
Public Health and Environment
Revenue

Governor's Marijuana Office Public Safety