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SENATE BILL 17-193

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Jahn and Lundberg, Moreno

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Pettersen and Rankin,

Senate Committees

Health & Human Services
Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "CENTER FOR RESEARCH**
102 **INTO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND**
103 **RECOVERY SUPPORT STRATEGIES" AT THE UNIVERSITY OF**
104 **COLORADO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER, AND, IN CONNECTION**
105 **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill establishes the center for research into prevention strategies for, and treatment of, abuse of and addiction to opioids, other

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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controlled substances, and alcohol at the university of Colorado health sciences center.

The bill makes an appropriation.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 27-80-118 as
3 follows:

4 **27-80-118. Center for research into substance use**
5 **disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery support strategies -**
6 **legislative declaration - established.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
7 THAT:

8 (a) OPIOID ADDICTION HAS EMERGED AS A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC
9 HEALTH CONCERN IN COLORADO, WITH MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND
10 DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO DRUG OVERDOSES SINCE 2000, AND THE ANNUAL
11 RATE OF DEATH FROM DRUG OVERDOSE DOUBLING FROM
12 SEVEN-POINT-EIGHT DEATHS PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE IN
13 2000 TO FIFTEEN-POINT-SEVEN DEATHS PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
14 PEOPLE IN 2015. THIS RATE IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL
15 RATE.

16 (b) THE ABUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IS THE FASTEST GROWING
17 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM IN THE UNITED STATES, PARTICULARLY
18 AMONG ADOLESCENTS;

19 (c) EACH YEAR, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY SEVENTEEN
20 THOUSAND OVERDOSE DEATHS FROM OPIOID PAINKILLERS NATIONALLY
21 AND APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED SUCH DEATHS IN COLORADO;

22 (d) ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL,
23 COLORADO'S DRUG OVERDOSE MORTALITY RATE HAS INCREASED BY FIVE
24 HUNDRED PERCENT SINCE 2014;

1 (e) COLORADO AND OTHER STATES IN THE REGION HAVE THE
2 HIGHEST DEATH RATES ATTRIBUTABLE TO ALCOHOL IN THE COUNTRY, AND
3 APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN PERCENT, OR ONE OUT OF EVERY FIVE, OF ALL
4 COLORADO ADULTS ENGAGED IN HEAVY OR BINGE DRINKING MONTHLY;

5 (f) IN ADDITION TO OPIOIDS, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, AND ALCOHOL,
6 SURVEYS SHOW USE RATES FOR METHAMPHETAMINE, COCAINE, AND OTHER
7 ILLICIT DRUGS ARE HIGHER IN COLORADO THAN IN OTHER STATES; AND

8 (g) THERE IS A LACK OF SUFFICIENT RESEARCH ON THE MOST
9 EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS
10 ACROSS THE FULL CONTINUUM OF RECOMMENDED SERVICES THAT INCLUDE
11 PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY
12 SUPPORT SERVICES.

13 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE FINDS THAT FOR
14 COLORADO TO RESPOND TO THESE ISSUES AND TO FOSTER THE HEALTH,
15 WELFARE, AND SAFETY OF THE STATE'S RESIDENTS, IT IS HEREBY
16 DECLARED THAT IT IS THE STATE'S POLICY TO FACILITATE RESEARCH INTO
17 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY
18 SUPPORT STRATEGIES.

19 (3) A CENTER FOR RESEARCH INTO _____ SUBSTANCE USE
20 DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY SUPPORT
21 STRATEGIES, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "CENTER", IS
22 ESTABLISHED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HEALTH SCIENCES
23 CENTER. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE CENTER'S MISSION
24 IS TO:

25 (a) ESTABLISH OR EXPAND PROGRAMS FOR RESEARCH CONCERNING
26 PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY SUPPORT STRATEGIES FOR
27 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO OPIOID

1 ADDICTION;

2 (b) ESTABLISH OR EXPAND INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS FOR
3 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO OPIOID
4 ADDICTION;

5 (c) EXPAND PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION WITH SUBSTANCE
6 USE DISORDER PROFESSIONALS, OTHER PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
7 COLORADO, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITH SIMILAR MISSIONS
8 THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND NATION; AND

9 (d) SEEK FEDERAL AND PRIVATE RESOURCES TO FURTHER THE
10 CENTER'S RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

11 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,
12 \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for use
13 by the regents of the university of Colorado. This appropriation is from
14 the marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S. To
15 implement this act, the regents may use this appropriation for the center
16 for research into substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and
17 recovery support strategies.

18 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.