

CHAPTER 306

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARIJUANA EDUCATION MATERIALS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-2-127.7** as follows:

22-2-127.7. Marijuana education materials - resource bank - technical assistance. (1) (a) THE DEPARTMENT, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN A RESOURCE BANK OF EVIDENCE-BASED, RESEARCH-BASED, AND PROMISING PROGRAM MATERIALS AND CURRICULA PERTAINING TO MARIJUANA, WHICH MATERIALS AND CURRICULA MAY BE USED IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE STATE. IN CREATING THE RESOURCE BANK AND CURRICULA, THE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE MARIJUANA EDUCATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-20-112 (4), SHALL SOLICIT INPUT FROM PERSONS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE MARIJUANA INDUSTRY. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND MAY CONTRACT FOR:

(I) THE ORGANIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE RESOURCE BANK, INCLUDING MATERIALS ON THE PREVENTION OF MARIJUANA USE AND EDUCATION ON MEDICAL AND RETAIL MARIJUANA;

(II) THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARIJUANA CURRICULA FOR SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING SUCH CURRICULA TO SCHOOLS; AND

(III) TRAINING FOR EDUCATORS AND SCHOOL STAFF CONCERNING MARIJUANA.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(b) THE RESOURCE BANK CREATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE KNOWN AS THE "JACK SPLIT MEMORIAL MARIJUANA RESOURCE BANK".

(2) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2017, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE MATERIAL IN THE RESOURCE BANK AVAILABLE WITHOUT CHARGE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES. AT THE REQUEST OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL, OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL, OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES IN DESIGNING AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULA PERTAINING TO MARIJUANA USE.

(3) AFTER THE RESOURCE BANK AND CURRICULA ARE AVAILABLE, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES ARE ENCOURAGED TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RESOURCE BANK AND CURRICULA AND TO RECOMMEND CHANGES TO IMPROVE THE RESOURCE BANK OR CURRICULA. THE DEPARTMENT IS ENCOURAGED TO UPDATE THE RESOURCE BANK AND CURRICULA BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-28.8-501, **amend** (2)(b)(IV) introductory portion, (2)(b)(IV)(K), and (2)(b)(IV)(L); and **add** (2)(b)(IV)(M) as follows:

39-28.8-501. Marijuana tax cash fund - creation - distribution - legislative declaration. (2) (b) (IV) Subject to the limitation in subsection (5) of this section, the general assembly may annually appropriate any money in the fund for any fiscal year following the fiscal year in which ~~they were~~ IT WAS received by the state for the following purposes:

(K) FOR grants to local governments for documented retail marijuana impacts through the local government retail marijuana impact grant program created in section 24-32-117; ~~C.R.S.~~; and

(L) For the Colorado veterans' service-to-career pilot program created in part 2 of article 14.3 of title 8; ~~C.R.S.~~; AND

(M) FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT IN DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING THE RESOURCE BANK FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON MARIJUANA AND PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-2-127.7.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. For the 2017-18 state fiscal year, \$47,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from the marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the school health professionals grant program.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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