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Summary of Changes for SB 128

Marijuana Education and Treatment Fund

Changes made from original version A to Committee Substitute vsn J

On January 30, 2018 Senator Giessel received an email from David Teal, Legislative Analyst, who wanted to make suggestions for changes to the language in Senate Bill 128.

He had a couple concerns:

- The fiscal note didn't really address the impact of the new marijuana education and treatment fund on UGF revenue. He and his finance staff were going to work with the Governor's office to clarify the fiscal notes for the bill
- Additionally, David suggested some new language that he felt better reflected the process of how money is deposited into the fund and how the Legislature may use the money in the fund. Legislative Legal came up with new language which can be found on page 1, beginning on line 14 and runs over to page 2, line 4.
- This rewording in no way changes the intent of the bill but is merely a technical rework of the wording for clarity as suggested by Legislative Finance.

During this redraft process we also made a small change on page 3, line 23, changing the word "and" to "to", a change requested by DHSS Behavioral Health.

The new fund sets up programs for substance abuse screening, intervention and referral **TO** a treatment program. This was a typo that was missed in the original bill.