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CS for SB 128 Marijuana Education and Treatment Fund Sectional Analysis Committee Substitute (FIN) Vsn U

Section 1 AS 43.61.010(d) is **technical and conforming language** that clarifies which fund is being referenced in this section that is about the recidivism reduction fund. Since we are establishing another fund, the Marijuana Education and Treatment Fund in another subsection to follow, Legislative Legal wanted to correctly name which fund is being addressed to prevent any confusion.

Section 2 AS 43.61.010 is a **new subsection** that creates the Marijuana Education and Treatment Fund within the general fund. After receiving tax collected from marijuana sales, the Dept. of Administration shall separately account for and deposit 35% of those proceeds into the Fund, and the legislature may appropriate those monies for the purpose of funding DHSS programs for marijuana use education and treatment. This section specifies that the money in this fund does not lapse.

Section 3 AS 44.29.020(a) contains two minor fixes from Leg Legal that adds the word “the” to (11) of this section, and also the word “to” to item (14). It also **adds to this section** that DHSS will administer the marijuana education and treatment program by grant or contract out this program to other organizations in Alaska. This section outlines the following components of the program:

1. A community-based marijuana misuse prevention component
2. A youth services component
3. Public education geared toward prevention of youth initiation of marijuana use, education re: the effects of marijuana use and education re: marijuana laws
4. Surveying of youth/adults to determine knowledge, awareness, attitude and use of marijuana products, along with need for trained professionals
5. Monitoring of the public’s health relating to consequences of marijuana use
6. Provide for substance abuse screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment