

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 128(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR GIESSEL

**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act establishing the marijuana education and treatment fund; and relating to the  
2 duties of the Department of Health and Social Services to administer a comprehensive  
3 marijuana use education and treatment program."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 43.61.010(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) The legislature may use the annual estimated balance in the recidivism  
7 reduction fund to make appropriations to the Department of Corrections, the  
8 Department of Health and Social Services, or the Department of Public Safety for  
9 recidivism reduction programs.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 43.61.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (f) The marijuana education and treatment fund is established in the general  
12 fund. In addition to the accounting under (c) of this section, the Department of  
13 Administration shall separately account for 25 percent of the tax collected under this  
14 section and deposit it into the marijuana education and treatment fund. The

Department of Administration shall deposit interest earned on the fund into the general fund. Money in the fund does not lapse. The legislature may use the annual estimated balance in the fund to make appropriations to the Department of Health and Social Services for the marijuana use education and treatment program established under AS 44.29.020(a)(17).

\* Sec. 3. AS 44.29.020(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Department of Health and Social Services shall administer the state programs of public health and social services, including

- (1) maternal and child health services;
- (2) preventive medical services;
- (3) public health nursing services;
- (4) nutrition services;
- (5) health education;
- (6) laboratories;
- (7) mental health treatment and diagnosis;
- (8) management of state institutions, except for adult penal institutions;
- (9) medical facilities;
- (10) adult public assistance;
- (11) the Alaska temporary assistance program;
- (12) child welfare services;
- (13) general relief;
- (14) a comprehensive smoking education, tobacco use prevention, and control program; to the maximum extent possible, the department shall implement the program required under this paragraph by grant to or contract with one or more organizations in the state; the department's program must include
  - (A) a community-based tobacco use prevention and cessation program addressing the needs of youth and adults that includes use of tobacco control aids such as a nicotine patch or a nicotine gum tobacco substitute;
  - (B) youth-based efforts that involve youth in the design and implementation of tobacco control efforts;
  - (C) anti-tobacco counter-marketing targeting both youth and adults;

adult populations designed to communicate messages to help prevent youth initiation of tobacco use, promote cessation among tobacco users, and educate the public about the lethal effects of exposure to secondhand smoke;

(D) tobacco use surveys of youth and adult populations concerning knowledge, awareness, attitude, and use of tobacco products; and

(E) an enforcement component;

(15) the Alaska Pioneers' Home and the Alaska Veterans' Home;

(16) licensure and regulation of child care facilities;

(17) a comprehensive marijuana use education and treatment program; to the extent possible, the department shall administer the program required under this paragraph by grant to, or contract with, one or more organizations in the state; the department's program must include

(A) a community-based marijuana misuse prevention component; the community-based component must provide for a youth services grant program to

(i) reduce initiation and promote cessation of marijuana use by youth, reduce youth access to marijuana products, and reduce exposure of youth to impaired driving dangers related to marijuana use;

**(ii) provide recreational, educational, and character-building programs for youth outside school hours; and**

(iii) address marijuana use prevention through outcome-based curricula, adult and peer mentoring, and opportunities for positive, prosocial leisure and recreational activities;

**(B) marijuana public education designed to communicate messages to help prevent youth initiation of marijuana use, educate the public about the effects of marijuana use, and educate the public about marijuana laws:**

### (C) surveys of

(i) youth and adult populations concerning

1                   knowledge, awareness, attitude, and use of marijuana products;

2                   (ii) the need for trained professionals working in  
3                   organizations described in this paragraph;

4                   (D) the development of plans to address the need for  
5                   trained professionals and to assist in implementing a training program for  
6                   those professionals;

7                   (E) monitoring of population health status related to the  
8                   consequences of marijuana use; and

9                   (F) substance abuse screening, brief intervention, and  
10                   referral to treatment.