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House Bill 296

“An Act creating the Alaska marijuana use prevention youth services grant program; creating the Alaska marijuana use prevention, education, and treatment fund; relating to the duties of the Alaska Children’s Trust Board; creating the marijuana use education and treatment program; and relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services.”

Sectional Summary

Section 1

Adds new sections to AS 17.38:

Creates the *Alaska marijuana use prevention youth services grant program* and designates that it is administered by the Alaska Children’s Trust (ACT) Board. The program provides funds and training to statewide and community based programs that focus on reducing the number of youth trying marijuana for the first time, and the number of youth consistently using marijuana as well as reducing youth access to marijuana and exposure to impaired driving. The programs selected by the Board must be either 501c(3) or federally recognized tribes, a municipal or state government, or a school. The ACT Board is charged with adopting regulations to carry out the grant program including application requirements and reporting criteria.

17.38.410

Creates the *Alaska marijuana use prevention, education, and treatment fund*. The fund is part of the general account and may be added to by appropriation or donation. The legislature appropriates the 50% of the marijuana sales tax revenue that is not used for recidivism reduction fund toward the fund. Up to fifty percent (50%) of the fund may go to the *Alaska marijuana use prevention, education, and treatment program* administered by the ACT Board while an equal amount may go toward the *marijuana use education and treatment program* administered by the Department of Health and Social Services.

Section 2

Amends AS 37.14.230(a)

Updates the responsibilities of the Alaska Children’s Trust Board to include the administration of the *Alaska marijuana use prevention youth services grant program*.

Section 3

Amends AS 43.61.010(c):

Designates that the 50 percent of the marijuana sales tax revenue that is not being used for the recidivism reduction fund may be appropriated to the *Alaska marijuana use prevention, education, and treatment fund*.

Section 4

Amends 43.61.010(d):

Updates language to distinguish *recidivism reduction fund* in place of ‘fund’.

Section 5

Amends AS 44.29.020(a):

Updates the responsibilities of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to include the administration of a comprehensive marijuana use education and treatment program which must include a misuse prevention component, a public education campaign, surveys of Alaskan populations about attitudes and perceptions towards marijuana use, monitoring of public health status related to marijuana usages, and a substance abuse screening, intervention and treatment component. To the extent possible, the Department should administer the program by grant or contract.