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Summary of Changes for SB 128 Marijuana Education and Treatment Fund

Changes made from original version A to FIN Committee Substitute

After introduction of SB 128 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 concerns that the fiscal note didn't really address the impact the new marijuana education and treatment fund would have 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, Mr. Teal 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 5.

- 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 4, line 9, changing the word "and" to "to", a change requested by DHSS Behavioral Health. This was a typo that was missed in the original bill.

The new CS also includes language that specifically adds a community-based youth services program (page 3, lines 14-15), lists program criteria of promoting cessation and reducing access to marijuana products and dangers of impaired driving (page 3, lines 16-19), provide programs for after school hours (page 3, lines 20-21) and usage of outcome-based curricula, mentoring, and opportunities for positive activities (page 3, lines 22-25).

Additionally, the CS adds that surveys would be used to determine the need for trained professionals and to assist in developing training programs to assist them (page 4, lines 2-6).

And finally, the CS changes the percentage of the marijuana tax revenues deposited into the fund to 35% (page 1, line 13).