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SENATE BILL 17-193

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Senate Committees
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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "CENTER FOR RESEARCH
102 INTO PREVENTION STRATEGIES FOR, AND TREATMENT OF, ABUSE
103 OF AND ADDICTION TO OPIOIDS, OTHER CONTROLLED
104 SUBSTANCES, AND ALCOHOL" AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
105 COLORADO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER, AND, IN CONNECTION
106 THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill establishes the center for research into prevention

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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strategies for, and treatment of, abuse of and addiction to opioids, other controlled substances, and alcohol at the university of Colorado health sciences center.

The bill makes an appropriation.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 27-80-118 as
3 follows:

4 **27-80-118. Center for research into prevention strategies for,**
5 **and treatment of, abuse of and addiction to opioids and other**
6 **controlled substances - legislative declaration - established. (1) THE**

7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

8 (a) OPIOID ADDICTION HAS EMERGED AS A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC
9 HEALTH CONCERN IN COLORADO, WITH MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND
10 DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO DRUG OVERDOSES SINCE 2000, AND THE ANNUAL
11 RATE OF DEATH FROM DRUG OVERDOSE DOUBLING FROM
12 SEVEN-POINT-EIGHT DEATHS PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE IN
13 2000 TO FIFTEEN-POINT-SEVEN DEATHS PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
14 PEOPLE IN 2015. THIS RATE IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL
15 RATE.

16 (b) THE ABUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IS THE FASTEST GROWING
17 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM IN THE UNITED STATES, PARTICULARLY
18 AMONG ADOLESCENTS;

19 (c) EACH YEAR, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY SEVENTEEN
20 THOUSAND OVERDOSE DEATHS FROM OPIOID PAINKILLERS NATIONALLY
21 AND APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED SUCH DEATHS IN COLORADO,
22 MAKING THESE DEATHS MORE COMMON THAN ALCOHOL-RELATED TRAFFIC
23 FATALITIES; AND

1 (d) ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL,
2 COLORADO'S DRUG OVERDOSE MORTALITY RATE HAS INCREASED BY FIVE
3 HUNDRED PERCENT SINCE 2014.

4 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE FINDS THAT FOR
5 COLORADO TO RESPOND TO THESE ISSUES AND TO FOSTER THE HEALTH,
6 WELFARE, AND SAFETY OF THE STATE'S RESIDENTS, IT IS HEREBY
7 DECLARED THAT IT IS THE STATE'S POLICY TO FACILITATE RESEARCH INTO
8 PREVENTION STRATEGIES FOR, AND TREATMENT OF, ABUSE OF AND
9 ADDICTION TO OPIOIDS, OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND ALCOHOL.

10 (3) A CENTER FOR RESEARCH INTO PREVENTION STRATEGIES FOR,
11 AND TREATMENT OF, ABUSE OF AND ADDICTION TO OPIOIDS, OTHER
12 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND ALCOHOL, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION
13 AS THE "CENTER", IS ESTABLISHED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
14 HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE
15 CENTER'S MISSION IS TO:

16 (a) ESTABLISH OR EXPAND PROGRAMS FOR RESEARCH CONCERNING
17 ABUSE OF AND ADDICTION TO OPIOIDS, OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES,
18 AND ALCOHOL;

19 (b) ESTABLISH OR EXPAND INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS FOR ABUSE
20 OF AND ADDICTION TO OPIOIDS, OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND
21 ALCOHOL;

22 (c) EXPAND EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS WITH NATIONAL
23 ORGANIZATIONS WITH SIMILAR MISSIONS; AND

24 (d) SEEK FEDERAL AND PRIVATE RESOURCES TO FURTHER THE
25 CENTER'S ACTIVITIES.

26 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,
27 \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for use

1 by the regents of the university of Colorado. This appropriation is from
2 the marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S. To
3 implement this act, the regents may use this appropriation for the center
4 for research into prevention strategies for, and treatment of, abuse of and
5 addiction to opioids, other controlled substances, and alcohol.

6 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.