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**SB17-025**

**REVISED  
FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

<b>Drafting Number:</b> LLS 17-0133	<b>Date:</b> February 17, 2017
<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Sen. Holbert; Baumgardner Rep. Singer	<b>Bill Status:</b> House Public Health Care and Human Services
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**BILL TOPIC:** MARIJUANA EDUCATION MATERIALS RESOURCE BANK

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue			
State Expenditures	Workload increase.		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.			
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing workload increase.			

**Summary of Legislation**

The *reengrossed* bill, *recommended by the Committee on Cost-Benefit Analysis of Legalized Marijuana*, requires the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), with assistance from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), to create and maintain a resource bank of materials and curricula related to marijuana. The bill requires that CDE solicit input from people both inside and outside the marijuana industry, and allows CDE to contract for services related to the development of the resource bank and curricula.

The resource bank must be available by July 1, 2017 and free to school districts, charter schools, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). The bill encourages school districts, charter schools, and BOCES to provide feedback to CDE and recommend changes, and for CDE to update the resource bank based on the feedback. If requested, CDE must also assist districts, charter schools, and BOCES with developing a marijuana-related curriculum.

The bill authorizes use of the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund (MTCF) to cover expenses related to developing and maintaining the resource bank and providing technical assistance.

**Background**

The MTCF contains state sales tax revenue collected on medical and retail marijuana and 85 percent of the revenue from the special sales tax on retail marijuana. The MTCF funds are appropriated annually and cannot be spent until the fiscal year after the year the funds were collected. Of the \$85.9 million available for appropriation in FY 2016-17 from the MTCF, \$74.2 million was appropriated to statutorily-determined uses, including health care, health education, substance abuse prevention and treatment, and law enforcement.

### **State Expenditures**

The bill increases the workload for CDE to develop and maintain the resource bank, as well as to provide technical assistance to school districts. The fiscal note assumes the work will begin in FY 2016-17. CDE currently administers the School Health Professional Grant program, which provides grants to schools, as well as substance abuse prevention education and materials. The program is funded annually by the MTCF (\$2.28 million in FY 2016-17), and includes a program manager who administers the program. The program manager will manage the resource bank, consider input from districts, schools, and industry and non-industry stakeholders, collaborate with CDPHE on marijuana prevention education, and provide the required technical assistance. The increased workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

The bill also increases the workload for CDPHE to assist CDE with the development of the resource bank, including sharing materials, collaborating on training, and developing any additional resources. CDPHE already offers a variety of marijuana-related educational materials, including a list of evidence-based marijuana curricula, so the workload increase is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

### **School District Impact**

The bill may decrease expenditures for school districts that are working to develop marijuana-related curricula and materials and choose to leverage the resources offered and the technical assistance available as a result of the bill.

### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Education      Public Health And Environment      Revenue      Treasury