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SENATE BILL 22-155

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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN EXPANSION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH
102 GRANT PROGRAMS.

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 expands the medical marijuana research grant program by:

- Providing grant funding for research intended to ascertain the safety of medical marijuana products; and
- Encouraging the state board of health to prioritize grants to research the safety of medical marijuana products and the safety of administering medical marijuana for

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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posttraumatic stress disorder.

The bill requires the state treasurer to transfer \$3 million from the general fund to the health research subaccount in the medical marijuana cash fund for the purpose of providing research grants and administering the grant program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-106.5, **amend**
3 (1), (2)(a)(II), (2)(b)(II)(D), (2)(b)(II)(E), (2)(d)(I), (3)(b)(I), (4)(b)
4 introductory portion, and (4)(b)(II); **repeal** (4)(a); and **add** (2)(b)(II)(F),
5 (4)(b)(II.5), and (7) as follows:

6 **25-1.5-106.5. Medical marijuana research grant program -**
7 **scientific advisory council - reporting - rules - definition -**
8 **appropriation - repeal.** (1) **Legislative intent.** There is a need for
9 objective scientific research regarding the SAFETY AND efficacy of
10 marijuana and its component parts as part of medical treatment. It is the
11 intent of the general assembly that the department gather objective
12 scientific research regarding the SAFETY OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA
13 PRODUCTS AND THE efficacy of administering marijuana and its
14 component parts as part of medical treatment.

15 (2) **Medical marijuana research grant program - rules.**
16 (a) (II) The department shall coordinate the grant program to fund
17 research intended to ascertain the SAFETY OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA
18 PRODUCTS AND THE general medical efficacy and appropriate
19 administration of marijuana and its component parts. The grant program
20 shall be limited to ~~providing for~~ FUNDING objective scientific research to
21 ascertain the SAFETY OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS AND THE efficacy
22 of marijuana and its component parts as part of medical treatment and
23 should not be construed as encouraging or sanctioning the social or

1 recreational use of marijuana. The grant program shall fund SAFETY
2 STUDIES, observational trials, and clinical trials.

3 (b) The state board of health shall promulgate rules for the
4 administration of the grant program, including:

5 (II) Grant application contents, including:

6 (D) For any research studies, demonstration that appropriate
7 protocols for adequate patient consent and follow-up procedures are in
8 place; and

9 (E) A process for a grant research proposal approved by the grant
10 program to be reviewed and approved by an institutional review board
11 that is able to approve, monitor, and review biomedical and behavioral
12 research involving human subjects; AND

13 (F) PROTOCOLS SUITABLE FOR STUDYING THE SAFETY OF MEDICAL
14 MARIJUANA PRODUCTS THROUGH VARIOUS COLLECTION AND TESTING
15 METHODS OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS.

16 (d) In order to maximize the scope and size of the marijuana
17 studies:

18 (I) The grant program may solicit, apply for, and accept ~~moneys~~
19 MONEY from foundations, private individuals, and all other funding
20 sources that can be used to expand the scope or time frame of the
21 marijuana studies that are authorized under this section; except that the
22 GRANT program shall not accept any ~~moneys that are~~ MONEY THAT IS
23 offered with any conditions other than that the ~~moneys~~ MONEY be used to
24 study the SAFETY OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS AND THE efficacy of
25 marijuana and its component parts as part of medical treatment; and

26 (3) **Review of applications.** (b) **Grant approval.** (I) The council
27 shall submit recommendations for grants to the state board of health. The

1 state board of health shall approve or disapprove of grants submitted by
2 the council. The state board of health is encouraged to prioritize grants to
3 gather objective scientific research regarding the SAFETY OF MEDICAL
4 MARIJUANA PRODUCTS AND THE efficacy and the safety of administering
5 medical marijuana for ovarian cancer; dementia; POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS
6 DISORDER; pediatric conditions, including but not limited to autism
7 spectrum disorder; and other conditions that the state board OF HEALTH
8 deems suitable. If the state board of health disapproves a
9 recommendation, the council may submit a replacement recommendation
10 within thirty days.

11 (4) **Reporting.** (a) ~~No later than January 1, 2016, the grant~~
12 ~~program shall report to the state board of health on the progress of the~~
13 ~~medical marijuana studies.~~

14 (b) ~~Thereafter,~~ The grant program shall issue a report to the state
15 board of health by January 1 of each year detailing the progress of the
16 medical marijuana studies. The ~~interim~~ reports required under this
17 ~~paragraph (b)~~ SUBSECTION (4)(b) shall include data on all of the
18 following:

19 (II) The number of patients enrolled in each study by disease; ~~and~~

20 (II.5) THE TYPES OF SAFETY TESTS PERFORMED ON MEDICAL
21 MARIJUANA PRODUCTS; AND

22 (7) (a) THREE DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
23 SUBSECTION (7), THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER THREE MILLION
24 DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE HEALTH RESEARCH
25 SUBACCOUNT IN THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA CASH FUND CREATED IN
26 SECTION 25-1.5-106 (17) FOR PURPOSES OF THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE
27 DEPARTMENT MAY USE UP TO THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO

1 ADMINISTER THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM
2 CREATED IN THIS SECTION.

3 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
4 2024.

5 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
8 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
9 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
10 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
11 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.