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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

**Committee on Cost-benefit Analysis of Legalized Marijuana in
Colorado**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CREATING A STATUTORY COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF**
102 **LEGALIZED MARIJUANA IN COLORADO INTERIM STUDY**
103 **COMMITTEE.**

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://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)

Committee on Cost-benefit Analysis of Legalized Marijuana in Colorado. The bill creates the cost-benefit analysis of legalized marijuana in Colorado interim study committee (committee) as an interim committee of the general assembly to study the costs and benefits of legalized marijuana and to review and propose legislation relating to such

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

matters. The committee may meet up to 8 times during odd-numbered years and up to 6 times during even-numbered years, but only 2 of the meetings may be held outside of the interim period. The bill authorizes the committee to consult with experts in all fields relating to legalized marijuana as may be necessary to achieve the committee's objectives. All personnel of any state agency or political subdivision of Colorado involved in legalized marijuana must cooperate with the committee and with any persons assisting the committee in carrying out its duties.

The committee consists of 6 members of the general assembly, equally divided between members of the house of representatives and the senate.

The committee is repealed on January 1, 2020.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 12 to article
3 43.3 of title 12 as follows:

4 PART 12

5 COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF LEGALIZED

6 MARIJUANA STUDY COMMITTEE

7 **12-43.3-1201. Cost-benefit analysis of legalized marijuana**
8 **study committee - creation - repeal.** (1) (a) FOR THE PURPOSES OF
9 CONTRIBUTING TO AND MONITORING THE LEGAL, SOCIETAL, AND
10 GOVERNMENTAL LANDSCAPE OF LEGALIZED MARIJUANA IN COLORADO,
11 THERE IS CREATED THE COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF LEGALIZED
12 MARIJUANA STUDY COMMITTEE, REFERRED TO IN THIS PART 12 AS THE
13 "COMMITTEE".

14 (b) THE COMMITTEE SHALL STUDY:

15 (I) THE TOTAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETAL COSTS AND BENEFITS
16 ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IN COLORADO;

17 (II) ANY GAPS THAT EXIST IN THE INFORMATION THAT IS BEING
18 COLLECTED REGARDING THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IN COLORADO;

19 AND

1 (III) THE ADDITIONAL NEED FOR SPECIFIC STUDIES RELATED TO
2 THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IN COLORADO.

3 (c) THE COMMITTEE MAY REVIEW AND PROPOSE LEGALIZED
4 MARIJUANA LEGISLATION AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

5 (d) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR UP TO
6 SIX TIMES DURING EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND EIGHT TIMES DURING
7 ODD-NUMBERED YEARS. NO MORE THAN TWO OF SUCH MEETINGS MAY
8 OCCUR DURING PERIODS OTHER THAN THE INTERIM PERIOD.

9 (e) THE COMMITTEE MAY CONSULT WITH EXPERTS IN ALL FIELDS
10 RELATING TO LEGALIZED MARIJUANA AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE
11 THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS PART 12. ALL PERSONNEL OF ANY STATE AGENCY
12 OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF COLORADO INVOLVED IN LEGALIZED
13 MARIJUANA SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE AND WITH ANY
14 PERSONS ASSISTING THE COMMITTEE IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES
15 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 12. FURTHER, THE COMMITTEE MAY UTILIZE
16 EXISTING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCY EMPLOYEES TO ASSIST ITS
17 MEMBERS.

18 (2) (a) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF SIX MEMBERS OF THE
19 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO BE SELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

20 (I) THREE MEMBERS FROM THE SENATE, WITH TWO MEMBERS
21 APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND ONE MEMBER
22 APPOINTED BY THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER; AND

23 (II) THREE MEMBERS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WITH
24 TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES AND ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE HOUSE MINORITY
26 LEADER.

27 (b) APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL MAKE THEIR ORIGINAL

1 APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2017. THE
2 APPOINTED MEMBERS SERVE AT THE DISCRETION OF THEIR APPOINTING
3 AUTHORITY.

4 (c) DURING ODD-NUMBERED YEARS, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIR AND THE PRESIDENT OF
6 THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT THE VICE-CHAIR, AND DURING
7 EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT
8 THE CHAIR AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL
9 APPOINT THE VICE-CHAIR.

10 (3) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT
11 COMPENSATION; EXCEPT THAT EACH MEMBER SHALL RECEIVE THE SUMS
12 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 2-2-307 (3)(a) AND (3)(b) FOR ATTENDANCE AT
13 MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS IN RECESS
14 FOR MORE THAN THREE DAYS OR IS NOT IN SESSION.

15 (4) THIS PART IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020.

16 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.