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Bill 6

FISCAL NOTE

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

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Analysis of Legalized Marijuana Bill
Request

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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.		
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing workload increase.			

Summary of Legislation

The bill 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 resource bank must be available by July 1, 2017 and free to school districts, charter schools, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). 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. The fiscal note assumes that the bill will take effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature, as a safety clause is required for the resource bank to be available by July 1, 2017.

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 part-time program manager who administers the program. The program manager will manage the resource bank, collaborate with CDPHE on marijuana prevention education, and provide the required technical assistance. The increased workload can be accommodated 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.

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

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State and Local Government Contacts

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