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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

**BILL TOPIC: "Repeal Opioid Awareness Program & Appropriation"**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE PROGRAM TO INCREASE PUBLIC**  
102             **AWARENESS OF OPIOID USE IMPLEMENTED BY THE CENTER FOR**  
103             **RESEARCH INTO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION,**  
104             **TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY SUPPORT STRATEGIES, AND, IN**  
105             **CONNECTION THEREWITH, REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT FOR**  
106             **APPROPRIATIONS TO THE CENTER FOR THE PROGRAM,**  
107             **ELIMINATING THE SCHEDULED SUNSET REVIEW OF THE**  
108             **PROGRAM, AND REDUCING 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/>.)*

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Current law requires appropriations of \$750,000 for state fiscal years 2019-20 through 2023-24 from the marijuana tax cash fund to the center for research into substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery support strategies to implement a program to increase public awareness concerning the safe use, storage, and disposal of opioids and the availability of naloxone and other drugs used to block the effects of an opioid overdose. The bill repeals the requirement for state fiscal years 2020-21 through 2023-24 and repeals the program, effective September 1, 2020. The bill also repeals the scheduled sunset review of the program prior to its repeal.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-118, **amend** (5)(b) as follows:

**27-80-118. Center for research into substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery support strategies - legislative declaration - established - repeal.** (5) (b) (I) For the 2019-20 STATE fiscal year, ~~and each fiscal year thereafter through the 2023-24 fiscal year,~~ the general assembly shall appropriate seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ~~per year~~ to the center from the marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1) for the purposes of this subsection (5).

(II) This subsection (5) is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2024.~~ Before its repeal, the program created in this subsection (5) is scheduled for review pursuant to section ~~24-34-104~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2020.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal** (25)(a)(XX) as follows:

**24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative declaration - repeal.** (25) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2024:

1           ~~(XX) The program to increase public awareness concerning the~~  
2           ~~safe use, storage, and disposal of opioids and the availability of naloxone~~  
3           ~~and other drugs used to block the effects of an opioid overdose developed~~  
4           ~~pursuant to section 27-80-118 (5);~~

5           **SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to 2020 long bill.** To  
6           implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the marijuana tax  
7           cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., made in the annual  
8           general appropriation act for the 2020-21 state fiscal year to the  
9           department of higher education for use by the regents of the university of  
10          Colorado is decreased by \$750,000.

11          **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
12          determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
13          preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.