
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5245

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By Senate Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators Dammeier, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Angel, and Conway; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

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1 AN ACT Relating to substance abuse prevention and treatment
2 programs funded by the marijuana excise tax; amending RCW 69.50.540;
3 creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.50.540 and 2013 c 3 s 28 (Initiative Measure No.
6 502) are each amended to read as follows:

7 All marijuana excise taxes collected from sales of marijuana,
8 useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products under RCW
9 69.50.535, and the license fees, penalties, and forfeitures derived
10 under chapter 3, Laws of 2013 from marijuana producer, marijuana
11 processor, and marijuana retailer licenses shall every three months
12 be disbursed by the state liquor control board as follows:

13 (1) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars to the department of
14 social and health services to design and administer the Washington
15 state healthy youth survey, analyze the collected data, and produce
16 reports, in collaboration with the office of the superintendent of
17 public instruction, department of health, department of commerce,
18 family policy council, and state liquor control board. The survey
19 shall be conducted at least every two years and include questions
20 regarding, but not necessarily limited to, academic achievement, age
21 at time of substance use initiation, antisocial behavior of friends,

1 attitudes toward antisocial behavior, attitudes toward substance use,
2 laws and community norms regarding antisocial behavior, family
3 conflict, family management, parental attitudes toward substance use,
4 peer rewarding of antisocial behavior, perceived risk of substance
5 use, and rebelliousness. Funds disbursed under this subsection may be
6 used to expand administration of the healthy youth survey to student
7 populations attending institutions of higher education in Washington;

8 (2) Fifty thousand dollars to the department of social and health
9 services for the purpose of contracting with the Washington state
10 institute for public policy to conduct the cost-benefit evaluation
11 and produce the reports described in RCW 69.50.550. This
12 appropriation shall end after production of the final report required
13 by RCW 69.50.550;

14 (3) Five thousand dollars to the University of Washington alcohol
15 and drug abuse institute for the creation, maintenance, and timely
16 updating of web-based public education materials providing medically
17 and scientifically accurate information about the health and safety
18 risks posed by marijuana use;

19 (4) An amount not exceeding one million two hundred fifty
20 thousand dollars to the state liquor control board as is necessary
21 for administration of chapter 3, Laws of 2013;

22 (5) Of the funds remaining after the disbursements identified in
23 subsections (1) through (4) of this section:

24 (a) Fifteen percent to the department of social and health
25 services division of behavioral health and recovery for the
26 development, implementation ((and)), maintenance, and evaluation of
27 programs and practices aimed at the prevention or reduction of
28 maladaptive substance use, substance-use disorder, substance abuse or
29 substance dependence, as these terms are defined in the Diagnostic
30 and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, among middle school and
31 high school age students, whether as an explicit goal of a given
32 program or practice or as a consistently corresponding effect of its
33 implementation; PROVIDED, That:

34 (i) Of the funds disbursed under (a) of this subsection, at least
35 eighty-five percent must be directed to evidence-based ~~((and cost-~~
36 ~~beneficial))~~ programs and practices that produce objectively
37 measurable results and, by September 1, 2020, are cost-beneficial;
38 and

1 (ii) Up to fifteen percent of the funds disbursed under (a) of
2 this subsection may be directed to research-based and emerging best
3 practices or promising practices.

4 In deciding which programs and practices to fund, the secretary
5 of the department of social and health services shall consult, at
6 least annually, with the University of Washington's social
7 development research group and the University of Washington's alcohol
8 and drug abuse institute;

9 (b) Ten percent to the department of health for the creation,
10 implementation, operation, and management of a marijuana education
11 and public health program that contains the following:

12 (i) A marijuana use public health hotline that provides referrals
13 to substance abuse treatment providers, utilizes evidence-based or
14 research-based public health approaches to minimizing the harms
15 associated with marijuana use, and does not solely advocate an
16 abstinence-only approach;

17 (ii) A grants program for local health departments or other local
18 community agencies that supports development and implementation of
19 coordinated intervention strategies for the prevention and reduction
20 of marijuana use by youth; and

21 (iii) Media-based education campaigns across television,
22 internet, radio, print, and out-of-home advertising, separately
23 targeting youth and adults, that provide medically and scientifically
24 accurate information about the health and safety risks posed by
25 marijuana use;

26 (c) Six-tenths of one percent to the University of Washington and
27 four-tenths of one percent to Washington State University for
28 research on the short and long-term effects of marijuana use, to
29 include but not be limited to formal and informal methods for
30 estimating and measuring intoxication and impairment, and for the
31 dissemination of such research;

32 (d) Fifty percent to the state basic health plan trust account to
33 be administered by the Washington basic health plan administrator and
34 used as provided under chapter 70.47 RCW;

35 (e) Five percent to the Washington state health care authority to
36 be expended exclusively through contracts with community health
37 centers to provide primary health and dental care services, migrant
38 health services, and maternity health care services as provided under
39 RCW 41.05.220;

1 (f) Three-tenths of one percent to the office of the
2 superintendent of public instruction to fund grants to building
3 bridges programs under chapter 28A.175 RCW; and

4 (g) The remainder to the general fund.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of social and health
6 services, in consultation with the Washington state institute for
7 public policy, the University of Washington social development
8 research group, and faculty from Washington State University, must
9 determine a definition of cost-beneficial as it relates to prevention
10 and treatment programming and submit a report to the legislature on
11 its findings by December 1, 2017.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
14 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
15 effect immediately.

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