Implementation requirements for medical marijuana.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill contains an appropriation of \$30,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Department of Health. This appropriation is effective immediately.

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATION

Agency #: 048 Agency Name: Department of Health Unit: 0550 Substance Abuse and Tobacco Prevention

EXPENDITURE BY SERIES AND YEAR 0200 Supportive Services Costs	FY 2021 \$3,000	FY 2022 \$3,000	FY 2023 \$0
0900 Contractual Services Costs	\$6,000	\$18,000	\$0
Total Expenditure Per Year:	\$9,000	\$21,000	\$0
Grand Total Expenditure:	\$30,000		
Total Appropriated to Agency: Total Appropriated by Fund:	\$30,000		
GENERAL FUND	\$30,000		

Description of Appropriation:

Funds in 0200 series will be used for supplies and costs associated with research and preparation of the report, including research materials such as journal articles and other resources that can inform this report. Additionally, these funds will be used to support travel to meetings or remote meetings for the individuals employed by entities named in the bill and to assist with other identified stakeholders, such as healthcare providers, whose expertise may be critical to the report.

Funds in 0900 series will be used (if time permits) to contract with a researcher who will assist with the requirements of this report, including:

- Identifying and summarizing medical evidence regarding the effectiveness and safety of medical marijuana for various medical conditions;
- Seeking input from healthcare providers regarding the use of medical marijuana for their patients;
- Gathering and summarizing information about regulation of marijuana use at the provider and dispenser levels;
- Gathering and summarizing information regarding strategies to prevent misuse and promote legitimate use of medical marijuana; and
- Gathering and summarizing information about reasonable implementation timelines.

Assumptions:

Because this bill would be effective immediately and the report required by this bill is required no later than September 30, 2021, funds were divided between FY 2021 and FY 2022. The Department of Health assumes that there will be sufficient time to contract with a researcher to assist in this work, but because the bid and contract process will likely take 2-3 months, most of the 900 series funds were placed in FY 2022.

NOTICE-AGENCY ESTIMATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT REQUESTED

This bill has <u>administrative impact</u> that appears to increase duties or responsibilities of one or more state agencies and may impact agency spending or staffing requirements. As introduced, the bill does not modify any state agency budget or current personnel authorizations.

The following state agencies will be asked to provide their estimate of the administrative fiscal impact prior to the first committee meeting held to consider the bill:

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