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2 Representative Browning of Arlington moves that the bill be amended by  
3 striking out Sec. 13 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 Sec. 13. MARIJUANA YOUTH EDUCATION AND PREVENTION;

5 PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

6 (a)(1) Relying on lessons learned from tobacco and alcohol prevention  
7 efforts, the Department of Health, in collaboration with the Department of  
8 Public Safety, the Agency of Education, the Governor’s Highway Safety  
9 Program, and representatives of youth and prevention professionals serving  
10 youth, shall develop and administer an education and prevention program  
11 focused on use of marijuana by youth under 25 years of age. In so doing, the  
12 Department shall consider at least the following:

13 (A) Community- and school-based youth and family-focused  
14 prevention initiatives that strive to:

15 (i) expand the number of school-based grants for substance abuse  
16 services to enable each supervisory union to develop and implement a plan for  
17 comprehensive substance abuse prevention education in a flexible manner that  
18 ensures the needs of individual communities are addressed;

19 (ii) improve the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to  
20 Treatment (SBIRT) practice model for professionals serving youth in schools  
21 and other settings; and

1                    (iii) expand family education programs.

2                    (B) An informational and counter-marketing campaign using a public  
3 website, printed materials, mass and social media, and advertisements for the  
4 purpose of preventing underage marijuana use.

5                    (C) Education for parents and health care providers to encourage  
6 screening for substance use disorders and other related risks.

7                    (D) Expansion of the use of SBIRT among the State’s pediatric  
8 practices and school-based health centers.

9                    (E) Strategies specific to youth who have been identified by the  
10 Youth Risk Behavior Survey as having an increased risk of substance abuse.

11                    (2) The Department shall adopt rules to implement the education and  
12 prevention program described in this subsection and implement the program no  
13 later than six months from the date of adoption of the final rules.

14                    (b) The Department shall include questions in its biannual Youth Risk  
15 Behavior Survey to monitor the use of marijuana by youth in Vermont and to  
16 understand the source of marijuana used by this population.

17                    (c) Any data collected by the Department on the use of marijuana by youth  
18 shall be maintained and organized in a manner that enables the pursuit of  
19 future longitudinal studies.

20                    (d) The Department shall develop and implement a public campaign to  
21 educate the general public about the health implications of marijuana use.

1       Sec. 14. EFFECTIVE DATES

2           (a) This section shall take effect on passage.

3           (b) Sec. 13 shall take effect on the date state funding is appropriated for  
4       implementation of that section. Costs of implementation of Sec. 13 shall not  
5       be an unfunded mandate on school districts or supervisory unions.

6           (c) The remaining sections shall take effect 18 months from the date  
7       subsection (b) of this section takes effect.