

HOUSE BILL NO. 323

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEDOUX

Introduced: 2/22/16

Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act creating the Alaska marijuana education, prevention, and cessation grant**
2 **program and the Alaska marijuana prevention youth services fund; and relating to the**
3 **duties of the Alaska Children's Trust Board."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 17.38 is amended by adding new sections to read:

6 **Sec. 17.38.300. Alaska marijuana education, prevention, and cessation**
7 **grant program.** (a) The Alaska marijuana education, prevention, and cessation grant
8 program is created to provide funding, training, and technical assistance for
9 community-based and statewide education projects designed to reduce initiation of
10 marijuana use by minors, promote cessation of marijuana use among minors, and
11 reduce exposure of minors to secondhand smoke and impaired driving dangers from
12 marijuana use.

13 (b) The Alaska Children's Trust Board shall

14 (1) administer the Alaska marijuana education, prevention, and

1 cessation grant program;

2 (2) make grant awards from the fund established under AS 17.38.305;
3 and

4 (3) survey the need for trained teachers, health professionals, and
5 others involved in providing marijuana education, prevention, and cessation programs.

6 (c) The board shall award grants to selected entities, specifying the amount
7 and duration of each grant. The board may only award grants that have a duration of
8 three years or less. At least 65 percent of the grants awarded each year shall be
9 awarded to one or more neighborhood youth development entities that provide out-of-
10 school programs to children who are six to 18 years of age in at least 12 separate
11 communities. To be eligible for a grant, a neighborhood youth development entity
12 must

13 (1) be exempt from federal taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)
14 (Internal Revenue Code) and in good standing with a national congressionally
15 chartered organization's standards under 36 U.S.C. 20101 - 240112;

16 (2) be facility-based and provide proven and tested recreational,
17 educational, and character-building programs for children who are six to 18 years of
18 age; and

19 (3) address the following three development areas:

20 (A) marijuana use prevention through peer-led outcome-based
21 curricula;

22 (B) adult and peer mentoring; and

23 (C) opportunities for positive, pro-social leisure and
24 recreational activities.

25 (d) The commissioner of commerce, community, and economic development
26 shall review all grant applications and make recommendations to the board regarding
27 eligible grantees and the amount of each grant award.

28 (e) The board shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out the program. At a
29 minimum, the regulations must include

30 (1) the procedures and timeline to apply for a grant;

31 (2) the application contents;

1 (3) the criteria for selecting grant recipients and the amount recipients
2 will receive; and

3 (4) reporting requirements for entities that receive grants.

4 (f) To the extent the board determines there is a need, the department may
5 provide training and technical assistance to entities that receive grants under this
6 section.

7 (g) Notwithstanding the definition of "board" in AS 17.38.900, in this section,
8 "board" means the Alaska Children's Trust Board established in AS 37.14.225.

9 **Sec. 17.38.305. Alaska marijuana prevention youth services fund.** (a) The
10 Alaska marijuana prevention youth services fund is created as an account in the
11 general fund. The fund consists of appropriations and donations to the fund. The
12 legislature may appropriate 20 percent of the total tax revenue received under
13 AS 43.61.010, or any other revenue, to the fund.

14 (b) Money from the fund may be appropriated

15 (1) for the grant program established in AS 17.38.300; and

16 (2) to pay the cost of administration of the grant program established in
17 AS 17.38.300, provided the administrative costs do not exceed three percent of the
18 total value of the fund.

19 * **Sec. 2.** AS 37.14.230(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) The board shall

21 (1) hold regular and special meetings it considers necessary; the board
22 may hold meetings by teleconference;

23 (2) award grants from the grant account to community-based programs
24 that the board finds will aid in the prevention of child abuse and neglect;

25 (3) monitor approved programs for compliance with AS 37.14.200 -
26 37.14.270 and specified grant conditions;

27 (4) maintain records for all donations to the trust and the grant account;
28 the records must reflect the amount of the donation, the date of the donation, the
29 donor's intent, if any, with respect to how the donation is to be used, the account into
30 which the donation was deposited, and the manner in which the donation was
31 expended;

1 (5) apply for and use funds from the grant account to obtain private
2 and federal grants for the prevention of child abuse and neglect;

3 (6) solicit contributions, gifts, and bequests to the trust and the grant
4 account;

5 (7) keep electronic recordings of each meeting of the board to be made
6 available on request;

7 (8) submit to the governor and make available to the legislature by
8 February 1 each year a report describing

9 (A) the child abuse and neglect prevention services that were
10 provided by the programs to which the board awarded grants; [AND]

11 (B) the annual level of contributions, income, and expenses of
12 the trust and the grant account;

13 (9) make arrangements with the commissioner or a financial
14 depository to manage private restricted-use donations that are not fully expended and
15 account for any interest earned on the donations; **and**

16 **(10) administer the Alaska marijuana education, prevention, and**
17 **cessation grant program established in AS 17.38.300 and make grants from the**
18 **Alaska marijuana prevention youth services fund established in AS 17.38.305.**