SENATE BILL NO. 25

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BY REQUEST OF THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE STATE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IMPACT REPORT; AND ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. State recreational marijuana impact report.** (1) Beginning September 1, 2028, the department of public health and human services shall submit an annual state recreational marijuana impact report to the legislature in accordance with 5-11-210.

(2) The report must include:

(a) key findings and information related to:

(i) use patterns, including notable trends in methods of use and use by age group;

(ii) co-use with other substances, including alcohol, illegal drugs, and prescription drugs used legally or illegally;

(iii) patterns in use during pregnancy, including co-use with other substances;

(iv) emergency department visits and hospitalizations related to recreational marijuana use;

(v) behavioral health care system utilization related to cannabis use disorder, marijuana psychosis, and other mental health conditions associated with recreational marijuana use;

(vi) physical health outcomes associated with recreational marijuana use, including those identified in available state and national data;

(vii) risk and protective factors associated with marijuana initiation, frequency of use, and marijuana-related harms, particularly among youth and young adults; and

(viii) estimated public health care utilization and expenditures associated with recreational marijuana use when this data is available;

(b) a summary of marijuana education and other prevention effort outcomes;

(c) data gaps and limitations in available data; and

(d) when appropriate:

(i) recommendations to improve the state's ability to monitor the public health impacts of recreational marijuana use; and

(ii) evidence-based policy recommendations to reduce the physical and mental health impact of recreational marijuana in the state.

(3) (a) The report must objectively present available state data and relevant scientific evidence and identify limitations in the available data and evidence.

(b) Nothing in this section requires the department to conduct original scientific research, unless that research is specifically authorized and funded by the legislature.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 16, chapter 12, part 1, and the provisions of Title 16, chapter 12, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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