

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The After School Education and Safety Program (Article 22.5 (commencing with Section 8482)), the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program (Article 22.6 (commencing with Sections 8484.7)), and the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens program (Article 19 (commencing with Sections 8484.7)) of Chapter 2 of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code) provides after school programs to low-income public school pupils in order to maximize their retention in school, reduce dropout rates, improve academic performance, and expand educational enrichment opportunities.

(b) Personal, family, and cultural dynamics often interfere with a pupil's ability to achieve academically. These dynamics can include exposure to substance abuse in the home and the community.

(c) Absent appropriate intervention, a pupil who experiences substance abuse challenges in the home or the community is at increased risk of his or her own substance abuse.

(d) Youth who are unsupervised after school and during the summer are at greater risk of substance abuse.

(e) After-school programs have been shown to reduce substance abuse, including through the development of protective or resiliency factors such as school connectedness, self-control, self-confidence, and quality peer relationships.

~~(f)~~ Because the After School Education and Safety Program, 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, and the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens program augments the regular schoolday and keep youth supervised during a time when they are at risk of substance abuse, these programs are uniquely positioned to provide alternatives to substance abuse and provide education and assistance to pupils about substance abuse, how it can affect their academic performance, and how to avoid substance abuse.

~~(g)~~ In approving Proposition 64 at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, the voters of California identified substance abuse pupil assistance programs in schools as a high priority for the allocation of tax revenue from the sale and cultivation of cannabis and cannabis products.

~~(h)~~ The After School Education and Safety Program, 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, and the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens represents an ideal conduit for Proposition 64 tax revenues to realize the goals of preventing and reducing substance abuse among pupils and improving school retention and performance.

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SEC. 3. Section 8484.66 is added to the Education Code, to read:

8484.66. The Legislature encourages local educational agencies ~~schools~~ that establish a program pursuant to this article ~~with an educational enrichment element that~~ are designed to educate about and prevent substance use disorders and/or to prevent harm from substance abuse to apply to receive funding from the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section 34019 of the Revenue and Taxation Code in accordance with conditions and requirements as may be established by the State Department of Health Care Services.

Comment [JD1]: Does this include school districts and COEs to apply, or is this mean individual school sites can only apply?

Comment [JD2]: Should the conditions and requirements established by DHCS be done in consultation with CDE or is it fine to leave CDE out of it?

Add 8484.76

The Legislature encourages local educational agencies that establish a program pursuant to this article that are designed to educate about and prevent substance use disorders and/or to prevent harm from substance abuse to apply to receive funding from the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section 34019 of the Revenue and Taxation Code in accordance with conditions and requirements as may be established by the State Department of Health Care Services.

Add 8428.5

The Legislature encourages local educational agencies that establish a program pursuant to this article that are designed to educate about and prevent substance use disorders and/or to prevent harm from substance abuse to apply to receive funding from the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section 34019 of the Revenue and Taxation Code in accordance with conditions and requirements as may be established by the State Department of Health Care Services.

(f) By July 15 of each fiscal year beginning in the 2018–19 fiscal year, the Controller shall, after disbursing funds pursuant to subdivisions (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), disburse funds deposited in the Tax Fund during the prior fiscal year into sub-trust accounts, which are hereby created, as follows: (1) Sixty percent shall be deposited in the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account, and disbursed by the Controller to the State Department of Health Care Services for programs for youth that are designed to educate about and to prevent substance use disorders and to prevent harm from substance use. The State Department of Health Care Services shall enter into interagency agreements with the State Department of Public Health and the State Department of Education to implement and administer these programs. The programs shall emphasize accurate education, effective prevention, early intervention, school retention, and timely treatment services for youth, their families and caregivers. *In determining which programs to be funded, the State Department of Health Care Services may consider selecting, among other programs, programs established pursuant to the After School Education and Safety Program (Article 22.5 (commencing with Section 8482)), the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program (Article 22.6 (commencing with Sections 8484.7)), and the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens program (Article 19 (commencing with Sections 8484.7)) of Chapter 2 of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, that meet the requirements specified in this paragraph, Sections 8421, 8482.3, or 8484.7 of the Education Code, and as otherwise determined by the State Department of Health Care Services.*