

HOUSE BILL NO. 935

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A 10-YEAR STUDY ON THE IMPACTS OF MARIJUANA USE DURING PREGNANCY; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Study on impacts of marijuana use during pregnancy. (1) The

department of public health and human services shall administer a 10-year study on the impacts of marijuana use during pregnancy. The department may contract with a third party to conduct the study.

(2) The study must:

- (a) be conducted on a population size large enough to produce statistically significant results;
- (b) protect the confidentiality of adult and child participants;
- (c) examine the physical, intellectual, and social development of children who were exposed to

marijuana in utero, including the children's:

- (i) brain development;
- (ii) ability to regulate emotions;
- (iii) physical and developmental disabilities;
- (iv) health complications;
- (v) social skills at home, school, and in the community; and
- (vi) educational outcomes.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. (1) There is appropriated \$500,000 from the healing and

ending addiction through recovery and treatment (HEART) account established in 16-12-122 to the department of public health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, to administer the study provided for in [section 1].

1 (2) The legislature intends that the appropriation be considered as part of the ongoing base budget
2 through the termination of [section 1] as provided in [section 5].

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4 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
5 integral part of Title 50, chapter 19, and the provisions of Title 50, chapter 19, apply to [section 1].

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7 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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9 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Termination. [Section 1] terminates June 30, 2034.

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