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Introduced by Representatives Pajala of Londonderry, Birong of Vergennes,  
Brumsted of Shelburne, Buss of Woodstock, Christie of  
Hartford, Garofano of Essex, Gregoire of Fairfield, LaBounty of  
Lyndon, McGill of Bridport, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of  
Wolcott, Small of Winooski, Whitman of Bennington, and  
Wood of Waterbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; afterschool and summer programming; grants;  
cannabis sales tax revenue

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish the  
Afterschool and Summer Care Grant Program and Special Fund. It also  
establishes the Afterschool and Summer Care Special Fund Advisory  
Committee. It proposes to dedicate cannabis sales tax revenue for the  
operation and administration of the Afterschool and Summer Care Grant  
Program.

An act relating to establishing the Afterschool and Summer Care Grant  
Program and Special Fund

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. chapter 38 is added to read:

3 CHAPTER 38. AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER CARE GRANT  
4 PROGRAM

5 § 3801. AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER CARE GRANT PROGRAM

6 (a) There is created the Afterschool and Summer Care Grant Program for  
7 the purpose of providing grants for child and youth programming operated in  
8 public or private settings outside of the school day and over the summer,  
9 including before and after school, teacher in-service days, and school vacation  
10 weeks. Grants may be used by an afterschool and summer care operator for  
11 technical assistance, program implementation, program expansion, program  
12 sustainability, and related costs.

13 (b) In selecting from among eligible grant applicants, the Agency shall  
14 prioritize applications that serve children and youth in underserved  
15 communities.

16 (c)(1) The Agency shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines  
17 necessary for the implementation of the Program established pursuant to this  
18 section.

19 (2) The Agency may contract for the administration of the Program.  
20 Administrative costs and technical assistance related to the Afterschool and  
21 Summer Care Grant Program shall not exceed \$500,000.00 annually.

1        (d) As used in this section, “Agency” means the Agency of Education.

2        § 3802. AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER CARE SPECIAL FUND

3        (a) There is established a special fund to be known as the Afterschool and  
4        Summer Care Special Fund, which shall be used for the purpose of funding the  
5        Afterschool and Summer Care Grant Program established pursuant to section  
6        3801 of this title.

7        (b) The Fund shall be established and held separate and apart from any  
8        other funds or monies of the State and shall be used and administered  
9        exclusively for the purpose of this section. The money in the Fund shall be  
10       invested in the same manner as permitted for the investment of funds  
11       belonging to the State or held in the Treasury. The Fund shall consist of any  
12       combination of the following:

13            (1) cannabis sales tax revenue pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 7910;

14            (2) such sums as may be appropriated or transferred thereto from time to  
15       time by the General Assembly, the State Emergency Board, or the Joint Fiscal  
16       Committee during such times as the General Assembly is not in session;

17            (3) interest earned from the investment of Fund balances; and

18            (4) any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of  
19       the Fund.

1       (c) The Fund shall be administered by the Afterschool and Summer Care  
2       Special Fund Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 3803 of this  
3       title.

4       (d) The Advisory Committee shall administer awards in such a way as to  
5       comply with the requirements of Section 108(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.

6       § 3803. AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER CARE SPECIAL FUND

7               ADVISORY COMMITTEE

8       (a) There is created the Afterschool and Summer Care Special Fund  
9       Advisory Committee within the Agency of Education to:

10           (1) provide recommendations to the Secretary of Education regarding  
11       the Afterschool and Summer Care Grant Program established pursuant to  
12       section 3801 of this title; and

13           (2) administer the Afterschool and Summer Care Special Fund  
14       established pursuant to section 3802 of this title.

15       (b) The Advisory Committee shall comprise the following:

16           (1) the Chief Prevention Officer established in 3 V.S.A. § 2321, who  
17       shall serve as chair;

18           (2) the Commissioner of Mental Health or designee;

19           (3) the Commissioner of Health or designee;

20           (4) the Commissioner for Children and Families or designee;

21           (5) the Secretary of Natural Resources or designee;

1           (6) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development; and

2           (7) a representative appointed by Vermont Afterschool, Inc.

3           (c)(1) The Chief Prevention Officer shall call the first meeting of the  
4           Advisory Committee to occur on or before September 1, 2023.

5           (2) The Advisory Committee shall meet at such times as may reasonably  
6           be necessary to carry out its duties but at least once in each calendar quarter.

7           (3) The Agency of Education shall provide technical, legal, and  
8           administrative assistance to the Advisory Committee.

9           (d) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), on or before November 15 of each  
10          year, the Advisory Committee shall submit a report containing a summary of  
11          its activities and any recommendations to the House Committees on  
12          Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on  
13          Appropriations and on Health and Welfare. The report shall address outcomes  
14          data on grants awarded pursuant to section 3801 of this title during the  
15          previous year, including:

16               (1) the number of afterschool and summer care operators receiving a  
17               grant under section 3801 of this title;

18               (2) the number of children and youth served and hours of care provided  
19               by afterschool and summer care operators receiving a grant under section 3801  
20               of this title;

