

1 H.648

2 Introduced by Representative Burditt of West Rutland

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; cannabis excise tax

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct two
7 percent, but not to exceed \$500,000.00 per year, of cannabis excise tax revenue
8 to the Office of the Attorney General to fund positions for an administrator and
9 two detectives within the Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children (VT-
10 ICAC) Task Force.

11 An act relating to funding for the Vermont Internet Crimes Against
12 Children (VT-ICAC) Task Force

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

14 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 7909 is amended to read:

15 § 7909. ~~SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION FUNDING~~ CANNABIS

16 EXCISE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTION

17 (a) Substance misuse prevention funding.

18 (1) Thirty percent of the revenues raised by the cannabis excise tax
19 imposed by section 7902 of this title, not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 per fiscal
20 year, shall be used to fund substance misuse prevention programming.

1 ~~(b)~~(2) If any General Fund appropriations for substance misuse prevention
2 programming remain unexpended at the end of a fiscal year, that balance shall
3 be carried forward and shall only be used for the purpose of funding substance
4 misuse prevention programming in the subsequent fiscal year.

5 ~~(e)~~(3) Any appropriation balance carried forward pursuant to ~~subsection (b)~~
6 subdivision (2) of this section ~~subsection~~ shall be in addition to revenues
7 allocated for substance misuse prevention programming pursuant to
8 ~~subsection (a)~~ subdivision (1) of this section ~~subsection~~.

9 (b) Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children (VT-ICAC) Task Force.
10 Two percent of the revenues raised by the cannabis excise tax imposed by
11 section 7902 of this title, not to exceed \$500,000.00 per fiscal year, shall be
12 used to support the VT-ICAC Task Force and fund two dedicated Criminal
13 Investigators and one dedicated Administrator. This shall be in addition to any
14 other appropriations to the Office of the Attorney General for the VT-ICAC
15 Task Force.

16 Sec. 2. NEW POSITIONS

17 (a) The following three positions are created in the Criminal Division of the
18 Office of the Attorney General: two full-time, classified Criminal
19 Investigators staffed to the Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children (VT-
20 ICAC) Task Force; and one full-time, classified Administrator staffed to the
21 VT-ICAC Task Force.

1 (b) The sum of \$360,000.00 for personal services and \$10,000.00 for
2 operating expenses is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of the
3 Attorney General for these positions in fiscal year 2023.

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

5 (a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, this section and Sec. 1 (cannabis
6 excise tax revenue distribution) shall take effect retroactively on March 1,
7 2022.

8 (b) Sec. 2 (new positions) shall take effect on July 1, 2022.