

**144.197 CANNABIS EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

Subdivision 1. **Youth education.** The commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioners of human services and education and in collaboration with local health departments, shall conduct a long-term, coordinated education program to raise public awareness about and address the top three adverse health effects, as determined by the commissioner, associated with the use of cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products by persons under age 25. In conducting this education program, the commissioner shall engage and consult with youth around the state on program content and on methods to effectively disseminate program information to youth around the state.

Subd. 2. **Education for pregnant and breastfeeding individuals; individuals who may become pregnant.** The commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioners of human services and education, shall conduct a long-term, coordinated program to educate pregnant individuals, breastfeeding individuals, and individuals who may become pregnant on the adverse health effects of prenatal exposure to cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products and on the adverse health effects experienced by infants and children who are exposed to cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products in breast milk, from secondhand smoke, or by ingesting cannabinoid products. This education program must also educate individuals on what constitutes a substance use disorder, signs of a substance use disorder, and treatment options for persons with a substance use disorder.

Subd. 3. **Home visiting programs.** The commissioner of health shall provide training, technical assistance, and education materials to local public health home visiting programs and Tribal home visiting programs and child welfare workers regarding the safe and unsafe use of cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products in homes with infants and young children. Training, technical assistance, and education materials shall address substance use, the signs of a substance use disorder, treatment options for persons with a substance use disorder, the dangers of driving under the influence of cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products, how to safely consume cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products in homes with infants and young children, and how to prevent infants and young children from being exposed to cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products by ingesting cannabinoid products or through secondhand smoke.

Subd. 4. **Local and Tribal health departments.** The commissioner of health shall distribute grants to local health departments and Tribal health departments for these departments to create and disseminate educational materials on cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products and to provide safe use and prevention training, education, technical assistance, and community engagement regarding cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products.

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