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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM ON THE DANGERS OF STEROID USE IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Public Health shall establish, within available appropriations, a public
3 education and outreach program designed to educate individuals age
4 twelve to eighteen on the dangers associated with the use of illegal
5 anabolic steroids.

6 (b) The program shall address the (1) physical and psychological
7 effects of illegal anabolic steroid use; (2) withdrawal symptoms
8 associated with cessation of illegal anabolic steroid use; (3) dangers
9 associated with the lack of oversight and standards in the manufacture
10 and distribution of illegal anabolic steroids; (4) criminal penalties
11 associated with obtaining and possessing illegal anabolic steroids; and
12 (5) alternatives to the use of illegal anabolic steroids, including, but not
13 limited to, nutritional and physical conditioning alternatives. In
14 developing the public education and outreach program, the
15 commissioner shall consider incorporating elements of the steroid

16 prevention program established by the National Institute on Drug
17 Abuse.

18 (c) Methods for disseminating information under the program may
19 include the following: (1) Using mass media, interactive approaches
20 and written materials, including, but not limited to, materials on the
21 Internet, with the goal of reaching at-risk individuals; (2) conducting
22 public forums or establishing programs in schools in different
23 geographical areas of the state; and (3) involving community-based
24 organizations in developing messages and in devising and
25 implementing education strategies.

26 (d) The commissioner shall conduct periodic evaluations of the
27 effectiveness of education and outreach efforts under this section.

28 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
29 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Public Health, from the
30 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose
31 of funding the anabolic steroid public education and outreach program
32 established under section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish and fund a public education and outreach program to inform adolescents in the state about the dangers of illegal anabolic steroid use.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]