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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 349

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR POSSESSION OF A  
SMALL AMOUNT OF MARIJUANA."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) The Department of Mental  
4 Health and Addiction Services shall study the correlation between the  
5 use of marijuana and the development of schizophrenia. On or before  
6 February 1, 2010, the department shall report its findings and  
7 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General  
8 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in  
9 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

10 (b) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall  
11 commission a study to determine if there is an increased incidence in  
12 the diagnosis of schizophrenia in this state on and after October 1,  
13 2009, as a result of the decriminalization of the possession of small  
14 amounts of marijuana under section 1 of this act. On or before  
15 February 1, 2014, the department shall report its findings and

16 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General  
17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in  
18 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes."