


**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: May 16, 2018

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso 
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Council File No.: 18-0002-S15
Assignment No.: 18-05-0454

SUBJECT: Resolution (Ryu – Martinez) in support of AB 1744 (McCarty)

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Ryu – Martinez) to include in the City’s 2017-2018 State Legislative Program support for AB 1744 (McCarty), which would authorize the California Department of Health Care Services to consider allocating funds to after school programs including the After School Education and Safety Program from revenue generated under the Adult Use of Marijuana Act.

SUMMARY

AB 1744 (McCarty) would authorize the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to consider certain after-school programs as recipients for funds generated from Proposition 64, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act of 2016 (AUMA). This would include the State’s three primary after school programs: the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CLC) program, and the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program. AB 1744 would also authorize the ASES, CLC, and ASSETs programs to include “youth development activities that promote healthy choices and behaviors in order to prevent and reduce substance use” and encourage schools to establish programs with these components.

According to Resolution (Ryu – Martinez), introduced on February 7, 2018, the ASES Program provides funding for 110,000 students in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Per the Resolution, AB 1744 would provide new revenue to fund these programs, which have been proven to reduce substance abuse in youth by providing supervision during critical hours after school. The Resolution seeks an official position of the City to support AB 1744.

BACKGROUND

AUMA, as passed by voters in 2016, established the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account (Youth Account) and required that 60% of the funds deposited in the California Tax Fund be disbursed into this fund. AUMA authorized these funds to be used for programs for youth that are designed “to educate about and to prevent substance use disorders or to prevent harm from substance abuse.” The State’s Department of Finance has estimated that \$2 million would be available for the Youth Account for use in the 2018-2019 fiscal year and approximately \$350 million in the following fiscal year.

Multiple studies have shown that high-quality after school programs are effective in raising standardized test scores, improving student work habits, reducing behavior problems, particularly in disadvantaged students, and in lowering juvenile crime.

Supporters of AB 1744 include the California Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, the California Police Chiefs Association, the California School Boards Association, LA's BEST After School Enrichment Program, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), and the Youth Policy Institute. According to LAUSD, this bill would help fund programs that "target the highest poverty communities (80% of students in state-funded after school programs qualify for Free or Reduced Price Meals)" and "prevent and reduce drug use, juvenile crime and school dropout by providing supervised alternative activities, safe spaces and positive adult relations."

BILL STATUS

1/03/18	Read first time.
3/22/18	Referred to Coms. on ED. and HEALTH.
4/12/18	Passed Com. on HEALTH with recommendation: To Consent Calendar (7-0). Re-referred to Com. on Health.
4/25/18	Amended. Passed Com. on HEALTH (15-0). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
4/26/18	Amended.
4/30/18	Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
5/09/18	Passed Com. on APPR (16-0).
5/10/18	Ordered to Consent Calendar



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Attachments: 1. Resolution (Ryu – Martinez)

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, voters approved Proposition 49, which was implemented in 2006 with over \$550 million annually appropriated to the After School Education and Safety Program (Program) to provide students in low-income communities access to safe, enriching after-school programs; and

WHEREAS, the California Afterschool Advocacy Alliance (CA3) has reported that the Program provides funding for over 4,000 elementary and middle schools throughout the State, and serves more than 400,000 students daily of which 110,000 are in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) with 25,000 in the LA's BEST After School Enrichment Program, 15,000 in Woodcraft Rangers, 13,182 in After-School All-Star, and 1,500 in A World Fit for Kids; and

WHEREAS, after school programs have been proven to reduce substance abuse by providing supervision during the critical hours after school and by supporting the development of protective factors, such as school connectedness, self-control, and self-confidence; and

WHEREAS, after school programs were prominently featured in the ballot argument and campaign commercials for Proposition 64, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act of 2016 (AUMA), specifically stating that Proposition 64 would provide new revenue to fund after school programs; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is currently considering AB 1744 (McCarty), which states that after school programs, including the After School Education and Safety Program, are a permissible use of revenue from Proposition 64; and

WHEREAS, AB 1744 would ensure that the intent of Proposition 64 is carried out by recognizing the After School Education and Safety Program as an ideal conduit for Proposition 64 revenue to preventing drug abuse among youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program support for AB 1744 (McCarty), which would amend the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) to specify that programs including the After School Education and Safety Program are eligible to receive funding under AUMA and encourage schools that establish these programs to apply for funding.

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