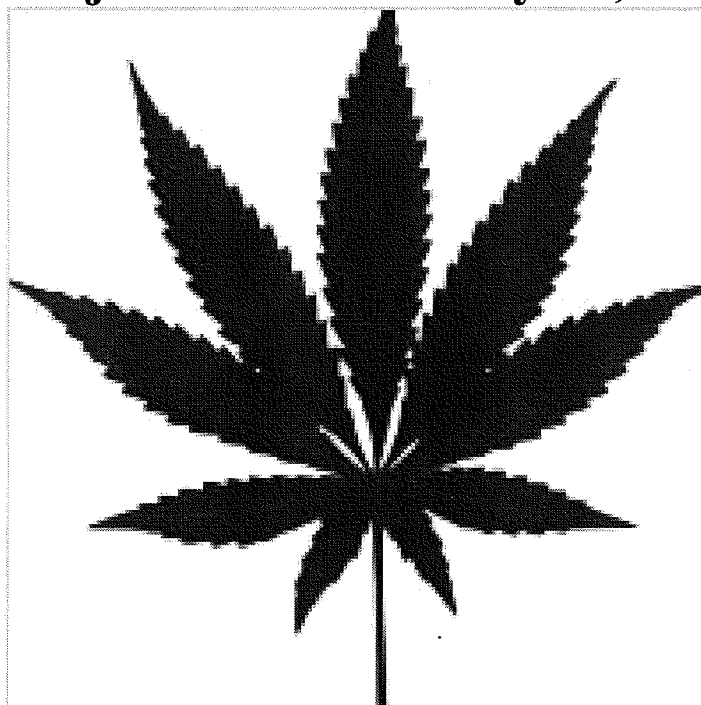


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## Marijuana Alert - May 11, 2018



Some Illinois Legislators want to legalize marijuana as a source of revenue. However, **a new report finds limited revenue for states from marijuana legalization.**

It's being heralded by Democrat gubernatorial candidate J.B. Pritzker as a potentially giant revenue maker for Illinois, but recreational marijuana has produced "limited" tax revenues in two states that have legalized it - with little of that money flowing to the state or city's general fund. [Read more](#)

In California, where a law to legalize adult-use recreational cannabis took effect this year, lawmakers have already proposed temporarily reducing state-imposed cannabis taxes to help legitimate pot workers stay competitive. [Read more](#)

**The Director of the national drug abuse institute offers caution about marijuana**

The greatest mortality from drugs comes from legal drugs. The moment you make a drug legal, you're going to increase the number of people who get exposed to it, and therefore you increase the negative consequences from its use. When you legalize, you create an industry whose purpose is to make money selling those drugs. And how do you sell it? Mostly by enticing people to take them and entice them to take high quantities. [Read more](#)

**HB 4870 - Students could be given marijuana-infused products in school/school bus**

## **Oppose SB 336 to allow people to use marijuana instead of opioid-based prescriptions**

The American Journal of Psychiatry released a paper September 2017 and showed that cannabis use "appears to increase rather than decrease the risk of developing nonmedical prescription opioid use and opioid use disorder."

The upshot? There is **no scientific evidence at all that marijuana use is helping the opioid epidemic, and quite a bit of evidence that it is actually contributing to the opioid epidemic.** Read more

### *For Immediate Action*

- Call your State Representative and ask him/her to Vote NO on SB 336. (Capitol Switchboard 217-782-2000)
- Call your State Senator and ask him/her to Vote No on HB 4870.
- Contact the Governor to tell him you support his position to oppose the legalization of marijuana in Illinois. (Phone: 217-782-6830, 312-814-2121)
- Share this Alert with your faith community
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