

any violation or alleged violation of any provision of this subheading, hearsay evidence shall be admissible if relevant to the issue and if the underlying circumstances upon which it is based and the reliability of the source of the information is demonstrated.

(G) STATE POLICE: NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE STATE POLICE MAY INITIATE INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHERWISE ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 276 THROUGH 302 OF THIS ARTICLE THROUGHOUT THE STATE WITHOUT ANY LIMITATION AS TO ACTIVITIES WITHIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS OR OTHER SUBDIVISIONS.

299. *Education and Research:*

(a) *The Authority in conjunction with the various local school boards is authorized and directed to carry out educational programs designed to prevent and deter misuse and abuse of controlled dangerous substances. In connection with such programs it is authorized to—*

(1) *Promote better recognition of the problems of misuse and abuse of controlled dangerous substances within the regulated industry and among interested groups and organizations;*

(2) *Assist the regulated industry and interested groups and organizations in contributing to the reduction of misuse and abuse of controlled dangerous substances;*

(3) *Consult with interested groups and organizations to aid them in solving administrative and organizational problems;*

(4) *Evaluate procedures, projects, techniques, and controls conducted or proposed as part of educational programs on misuse and abuse of controlled dangerous substances;*

(5) *Disseminate the results of research on misuse and abuse of controlled dangerous substances to promote a better public understanding of what problems exist and what can be done to combat them; and,*

(6) *Assist in the education and training of State and local law enforcement officials in their efforts to control misuse and abuse of controlled dangerous substances.*

(b) *The Authority is authorized and directed to encourage research on misuse and abuse of controlled dangerous substances. In connection with such research and in furtherance of the enforcement of this Act, the Authority is authorized to—*

(1) *Establish methods to assess accurately the effects of controlled dangerous substances and to identify and characterize controlled dangerous substances with potential for abuse;*

(2) *Make studies and undertake programs of research to—*

(a) *Develop new or improved approaches, techniques, systems, equipment and devices to strengthen the enforcement of this subheading;*

(b) *Determine patterns of misuse and abuse of controlled dangerous substances and the social effects thereof; and,*