

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB336

House of Origin Introduced ___ Substitute ___ Engrossed
Second House ___ In Committee ___ Substitute ___ Enrolled

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: **Community services boards; access to medication assisted treatment.**

5. Summary: Community services boards; access to medication assisted treatment. Requires every community services board to provide access to medication assisted treatment for substance abuse to all persons for whom such treatment is appropriate by (i) employing a person authorized to provide medication assisted treatment, or (ii) entering into a written agreement for the provision of medication assisted treatment for clients of the community service board with a health care practitioner authorized to provide medication assisted treatment. This bill provides that a community services board may pay all or part of the cost of medication assisted treatment for clients of the board but shall not be required to do so.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: \$4.5 million – see fiscal implications

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, item 305

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires every community services board to provide access to medication assisted treatment for substance abuse by employing or contracting a physician for provision of these services. Physicians would have to be authorized to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). This authorization requires 8 hours of training for certification in MAT.

To realistically provided access to MAT and comply with the legislation, these services need to be in place. A specific protocol is typically associated with this type of treatment to include physician time, purchase of medication and urine drug screening. Currently, of the 40 CSBs, 10 are providing this treatment. For the remaining 30 CSBs, projected cost is \$150,000 per CSB or \$4,500,000 per year. Although this bill has a provision that the CSBs are not required to pay for this treatment, it is unknown the number of clients who would be able to offset the cost to the CSBs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Community Services Boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

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