

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 877

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| House of Origin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed |
| Second House | <input type="checkbox"/> In Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled |

2. Patron: Puckett, Phillip P.

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Practitioners, licensed; continuing education required for those prescribing controlled substances

5. Summary: The proposed legislation requires the Board of Dentistry, Board of Medicine, and Board of Optometry to require continuing education on the topics of substance abuse, addiction, and related pain management and prescribing practices for licensed practitioners who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances. In addition, the bill requires the boards to seek to provide or approve free online courses to fulfill the continuing education requirements as well as make prescribers aware of such opportunities.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Minimal Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: It is assumed that the impacted boards will absorb the negligible costs (estimated at \$3,500 per board) of the rulemaking required to mandate the continuing education topics outlined in the bill. Moreover, the fiscal impact assumes that the relevant boards will include existing free online courses in the adoption of the necessary regulations, notification of which will be posted on the agency website. Costs would increase should the boards be expected to provide the online courses and/or additional awareness activities.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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