

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB829ER

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

2. Patron: Stolle

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Prescribers of covered substances; continuing education.

5. Summary: Authorizes the Director of the Department of Health Professions to disclose information to the Board of Medicine about prescribers who meet a certain threshold for prescribing covered substance for the purpose of requiring relevant continuing education. The threshold shall be determined by the Board of Medicine in consultation with the Prescription Monitoring Program. The bill also directs the Board of Medicine to require prescribers identified by the Director of the Department of Health Professions to complete two hours of continuing education in each biennium on topics related to pain management, the responsible prescribing of covered substances, and the diagnosis and management of addiction. Prescribers required to complete continuing education shall be notified of such requirement no later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year. The provisions of the bill will expire on July 1, 2022.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimate: Minimal, see item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The agency has stated that there would be a minimal cost to notify prescribers that meet the continuing education threshold, however that cost can be absorbed within the existing budget and does not impact the general fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.