

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB287

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

2. Patron: Wexton

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Prescription Monitoring Program.

5. Summary: Prescription Monitoring Program. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2017, reports by dispensers to the Prescription Monitoring Program (the Program) shall be made within 24 hours or the dispenser's next business day, whichever comes later. The bill also allows the Director of the Department of Health Professions to disclose information about a specific recipient to a prescriber for the purpose of establishing the treatment history of the specific recipient when the prescriber is consulting on the treatment of such recipient; allows the Director to disclose information on a specific recipient to a dispenser for the purpose of establishing a prescription history to assist the dispenser in providing clinical consultation on the care and treatment of the recipient; removes the requirement that information disclosed to a dispenser for the purpose of determining the validity of a prescription be disclosed only when the recipient is seeking a covered substance from the dispenser or the facility in which the dispenser practices; and provides that a prescriber may include information obtained from the Program for the purpose of establishing the treatment history of a specific recipient in the recipient's medical record.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The bill updates reporting requirements for the Prescription Monitoring Program and the agency has stated this will not impact agency operations.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.