

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB513

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

**2. Patron:**    Dunnavant

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:**    Prescription Monitoring Program; requirements of prescribers of benzodiazepine or opiates.

**5. Summary:** Changes the time at which a prescriber prescribing benzodiazepine or opiates must request information from the Prescription Monitoring Program from the time the course of treatment is initiated to prior to prescribing the benzodiazepine or opiate and requires a prescriber whose prescribing of benzodiazepine or an opiate continues for more than 90 days after the date of the initial prescription to request information about the recipient from the Director of the Department of Health Professions at least once every 90 days until the course of treatment has ended. The bill creates an exemption from these requirements if (i) benzodiazepine or opiate is prescribed to a patient currently receiving hospice or palliative care; (ii) benzodiazepine or opiate is prescribed to a patient as part of treatment for a surgical procedure, provided that such prescription is not refillable; or (iii) the Prescription Monitoring Program is not operational or available due to temporary technological or electrical failure or natural disaster. The bill eliminates an exception for cases in which the prescriber prescribes benzodiazepines or opiates that have been identified by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources as having a low potential for abuse by human patients. This bill includes a sunset of July 1, 2019.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. No Fiscal Impact.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.