

**Department of Planning and Budget
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 2165

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

2. Patron: Pillion, Todd E.

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Opiate prescriptions; electronic prescriptions

5. Summary: The amended legislation requires a prescription for any controlled substance containing an opiate to be issued as an electronic prescription and prohibits a pharmacist from dispensing a controlled substance that contains an opiate unless the prescription is issued as an electronic prescription, beginning July 1, 2020. The bill defines electronic prescription as a written prescription that is generated on an electronic application in accordance with federal regulations and is transmitted to a pharmacy as an electronic data file.

The bill requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a work group of interested stakeholders to review actions necessary for the implementation of the bill's provisions. The amended bill also requires the work group to evaluate hardships on prescribers, the inability of prescribers to comply with the deadline for electronic prescribing and make recommendations to the General Assembly for any extension or exemption processes relative to compliance or disruptions due to natural or manmade disasters or technology gaps, failures or interruptions of services. A report on the work group's progress must be provided to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2017 and a final report to such Chairmen by November 1, 2018.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: It is expected that the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (OSHHR) can meet the provisions of this bill with existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: There are a number of other proposals that require deliverables from the OSHHR (i.e. studies and work groups). As this number grows, the likelihood that the Office can absorb such costs declines.

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