

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 294

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

2. Patron: Puckett, Phillip P.

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Prescription Monitoring Program; requirements of prescriber

5. Summary: The proposed legislation requires prescribers licensed in the Commonwealth to register with the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) by January 1, 2015; after which prescribers must register within 30 day of licensure. The bill requires registered prescribers to request, from the Director of the Department of Health Professions (DHP), information regarding a patient's treatment history prior to issuing a prescription for benzodiazepine or an opiate. The legislation also contains an enactment clause requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to publish a list of medical specialties that have a low potential for abuse by patients.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	-	-	-
2015	\$105,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds
2016	\$55,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds
2017	\$55,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds
2018	\$55,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds
2019	\$55,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds
2020	\$55,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds

8. Fiscal Implications: Access to the PMP is automated via online system and currently available around the clock. Therefore, any additional system utilization should not have an impact on agency workload. However, DHP must also register and provide service to PMP users. Since it is unknown as to how many additional PMP users would need to be registered and what kind of support those individuals might require; a specific fiscal impact on the agency cannot be determined. It is assumed that requiring all prescribers in the Commonwealth to register with the PMP would add approximately 20,000 prescribers to the PMP in the first year. This influx would necessitate the addition of at least three temporary staff and a full-time position to process registrations in the first year. It is assumed that after the initial January 1, 2015 deadline, the full-time position could handle future registrations

and system support. The estimated cost of the additional staffing is \$105,000 the first year and \$55,000 each year thereafter. The PMP is funded with federal and endowment funds without any support from regulatory fee revenue. It is estimated that there are sufficient funds to cover any increased costs associated with this bill.

It is assumed that the agency can assist the Secretary of Health and Human Resources meet the provisions of the enactment clause without a fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Health Professions

Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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