

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB556

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

2. Patron: Wexton

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Opiate addiction treatment; nonmethadone opioid replacements.

5. Summary: This bill removes certain restrictions for licensure of a provider who provides treatment for persons with opiate addiction using non-methadone opioid replacements. Such restrictions include the proximity of the provider to a school and community notice requirements.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill simply allows programs licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) that provide services to individuals who are addicted to opioids to utilize buprenorphine (Suboxone) if their facility is located within ½ mile of a school or daycare center. Currently, many Community Services Boards (CSBs) and private provider facilities are located in settings which are prohibited from using this medication due to this restriction. Exempting non-methadone programs from the ½ mile limit would permit these programs to utilize these medications. This bill merely provides facilities, CSBs, and private providers licensed by DBHDS to offer another medication option for individuals suffering from opioid abuse and therefore does not have a fiscal impact on the operations of the system.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Community Services Boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.