

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 503

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: Mullin

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Prescription Monitoring Program; disclosure of information; fitness to work evaluations.

5. Summary: Adds the following individuals to the list of individuals to whom the Director of the Department of Health Professions (the Director) may disclose information about a specific recipient contained in the Prescription Monitoring Program: (i) a physician licensed in the Commonwealth or another state who is performing an evaluation of the recipient's fitness for work or to return to work in a safety-sensitive position, as defined by the recipient's employer, at the request of the recipient's employer and (ii) a physician licensed in the Commonwealth or another state who is performing an evaluation of the recipient's fitness for work at a place of employment with a written drug-free workplace policy following an offer of employment but prior to hiring the recipient, upon request of the employer and when the request is consistent with the employer's written drug-free workplace policy. In both cases, the bill requires that the information be requested and released only for the purpose of establishing the recipient's treatment history and that notice be made, in a manner specified by the Director in regulation, to the recipient that information from the Prescription Monitoring Program may be requested and received by the physician performing the fitness for work or return to work evaluation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Commonwealth for additional programming for the Prescription Monitoring Program; however, this cost is absorbable within current agency resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.