

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB626

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: LaRock

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Prescribing of opioids; required patient disclosures.

5. Summary: Requires prescribers to discuss with a patient or the patient's parent or guardian prior to prescribing an opioid information regarding the prescribed opioid, including the risks of addiction and overdose associated with opioids; the dangers of taking opioids with alcohol, benzodiazepines, and other central nervous system depressants; the reasons why the prescription is necessary; and alternative treatments that may be available. The bill also requires the prescriber to include a notation in the patient's medical record indicating that these required patient disclosures were discussed.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth as it only impacts healthcare practitioners and their patients. Additionally, regulations for prescribing opioids are already in effect that address the provisions of the bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.