

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1026S1

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

2. Patron: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Pharmacists; prescribing, dispensing, and administering of certain drugs and devices.

5. Summary: Authorizes the prescribing, dispensing, and administering of certain drugs and devices by a pharmacist, provided that such pharmacist prescribes, dispenses, or administers such drugs and devices in accordance with a statewide protocol developed by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and set forth in regulations of the Board of Pharmacy. The bill clarifies that an accident and sickness insurance policy that provides reimbursement for a service that may be legally performed by a licensed pharmacist shall provide reimbursement for the prescribing, dispensing, or administering of drugs and devices by a pharmacist when such prescription, dispensation, or administration is in accordance with regulations of the Board of Pharmacy. That the Board of Pharmacy shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act within 280 days and that the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2021.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Any increase in workload associated with the promulgation of regulations can be absorbed within existing resources. The provisions of the bill could generate a number of complaints that would need to be investigated and adjudicated, however, it is estimated that the number of complaints would be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill, as amended, requires the board to promulgate regulations within 280 days of the effective date of the act and that a report be completed by November 1, 2020. This bill has an effective date of July 1, 2021.