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Fiscal Note On: **SB 55** SLS 17RS 189

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: HEALTH CARE	

HEALTH CARE OR +\$78,781 SG EX See Note
Provides relative to prescribers of controlled dangerous substances.

Proposed law mandates prescribers to access and review a patient's record in the Prescription Monitoring Program database prior to initially prescribing any Schedule II controlled dangerous substance or if the patient's course of treatment continues for more than 90 days.

Proposed law imposes continuing education requirements for prescribers of controlled dangerous substances.

Proposed law requires the health profession licensing boards that regulate prescribing practitioners to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the continuing education requirements established by this law.

EXPENDITURES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$78,781	\$75,281	\$75,281	\$75,281	\$75,281	\$379,905
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$78,781	\$75,281	\$75,281	\$75,281	\$75,281	\$379,905

REVENUES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in additional workload which will require the board of medical examiners to hire 2 additional staff. The board indicates that it will need to hire a licensing analyst (\$33,835 salary plus benefits) and a compliance officer (\$41,446 salary plus benefits) to fulfill the compliance requirement. The board will also have one time expenses in the first year of \$3,500 for office equipment for the 2 staff. The board has sufficient resources in its existing budget to pay for the costs of these positions and associated office equipment. The board of medical examiners currently licenses 18,154 physicians, physician's assistants, medical psychologists, and podiatrists that are subject to the new continuing education requirement.

The LFO anticipates that the existing staff of the state board of nursing, the state board of dentistry, and the state board of optometry examiners can absorb the additional responsibilities.

The health profession licensing boards that regulate prescribing practitioners impacted by this bill are the board of medical examiners, the state board of nursing, the state board of dentistry, and the state board of optometry examiners. The bill requires the boards to collect and verify annual compliance documentation related to prescribing practitioners completing continuing education courses on controlled substances.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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