



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 46

Senate, April 19, 2005

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. MURPHY of the 16th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTERAGENCY PRESCRIPTION DRUG BULK PURCHASING PLAN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The Commissioners of
2 Public Health and Social Services and the Comptroller shall develop a
3 plan to implement and maintain a prescription drug purchasing
4 program and procedures to aggregate or negotiate the purchase of
5 pharmaceuticals for pharmaceutical programs benefiting Medicaid,
6 state-administered general assistance and ConnPACE recipients,
7 inmates of the Department of Correction and persons eligible for
8 coverage under the group hospitalization and medical and surgical
9 insurance plans procured under section 5-259 of the general statutes.
10 Such program shall be subject to the preferred drug lists adopted
11 pursuant to section 17b-274d of the general statutes.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the
13 Commissioner of Public Health and the Comptroller, shall submit a

14 report on the development of the plan authorized by subsection (a) of
 15 this section, including (1) a timetable for implementation of the
 16 program, (2) anticipated costs or savings resulting from
 17 implementation and maintenance of the program, and (3) a timetable
 18 for achievement of any such savings, to the joint standing committees
 19 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 20 public health, human services and appropriations and the budgets of
 21 state agencies, not later than December 31, 2005, in accordance with the
 22 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	New section

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Cost	Minimal

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the Departments of Social Services and Public Health and the Comptroller to develop a plan to implement and maintain a prescription drug purchasing program for a variety of state agency pharmaceutical programs. It is estimated that in FY05 the state will purchase over \$825 million worth of prescription drugs in the programs identified by the bill. The bill further requires these agencies to submit a report on the plan to the General Assembly by December 31, 2005. These agencies will incur minimal costs in FY06 to develop this plan and submit the required report.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTERAGENCY PRESCRIPTION DRUG BULK PURCHASING PLAN**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the public health and social service commissioners and the state comptroller to develop a plan for implementing a prescription drug bulk purchasing program for the state. The plan must address aggregating or negotiating pharmaceutical purchasing for Medicaid, State-Administered General Assistance, ConnPACE, the Department of Correction, and persons insured under the state and municipal employee plans. The bulk purchasing program must follow the Department of Social Services' (DSS) preferred drug list.

Under the bill, the DSS commissioner, in consultation with the health commissioner and comptroller, must submit a report on plan development to the Public Health, Human services, and Appropriations committees by December 31, 2005. The report must include (1) a program implementation timetable, (2) anticipated costs or savings from the program, and (3) a timetable for achieving any savings.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0