



Senate

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File No. 426

Senate Bill No. 21

Senate, April 2, 2015

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO STUDY OPIOID ANALGESICS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Insurance Commissioner shall
2 study abuse-deterrent opioid analgesics and nonabuse-deterrent
3 opioid analgesics. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, (1)
4 the health insurance coverage in this state for each type of opioid
5 analgesic, (2) the frequency of dispensation of each type of opioid
6 analgesic over the twelve months immediately preceding, to the extent
7 determinable, (3) manufacturer cost comparisons between each type of
8 opioid analgesic, (4) comparisons of out-of-pocket expenses to
9 insureds in this state for each type of opioid analgesic, and (5) the
10 availability of generic abuse-deterrent opioid analgesics, including a
11 summary of any guidance document published on the subject during
12 the year by the federal Food and Drug Administration. Not later than
13 February 1, 2016, the Insurance Commissioner shall submit a report, in
14 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,

15 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
16 cognizance of matters relating to insurance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

INS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$
Insurance Department	IF - Cost	Up to \$100,000

Note: IF=Insurance Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Insurance Department to study opioid analgesics, and to report its findings to the General Assembly by February 1, 2016. The department does not currently have the ability to conduct this study with its current staff. It is unknown to what extent the study aspects required by the bill have already been completed by other entities. Should the department need to contract with outside consultants to conduct this study, a one-time FY 16 cost of up to \$100,000 may be incurred.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/19/2015)