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HB-5597

AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), by January 1, 2022, to (1) establish guidelines for the use of evidence-based, non-pharmaceutical therapies to treat chronic pain, including chiropractic treatment and physical therapy, and (2) conduct educational and outreach activities to raise awareness of these guidelines. This provision of the bill is not anticipated to result in costs to DPH, as the agency has the staff expertise to handle these requirements.

The bill establishes a ten-member task force to study protocols used by first responders, emergency medical services personnel, police officers, hospital personnel, and medical examiners following an opioid overdose death.

Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the public health and public safety committees. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

The Out Years

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