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Bill Number:	H. 3728	Introduced on January 23, 2019
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Subject:	Opioid Antidote Monitoring	
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase one-time Federal Funds expenditures by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) in FY 2019-20 by \$36,067 to provide access for first responders to the prescription monitoring program through an expansion of the existing emergency medical system program. Additionally, the bill will require recurring General Fund expenditures of \$7,500 beginning in FY 2019-20 to maintain functionality between the emergency medical system and the prescription monitoring program.

Federal funding for the prescription monitoring system will end on August 31, 2019. To replace this lost funding, DHEC has submitted a \$1,083,748 budget request to continue the operation of the prescription monitoring system. If the budget request is included in the appropriation act for FY 2019-20, the expenditure impact of this bill is as summarized above. Otherwise, DHEC indicates that the department will require additional recurring General Funds of \$1,091,248 and \$36,067 in non-recurring funds in order to continue the program beginning in FY 2019-20.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 23, 2019

State Expenditure

This bill requires DHEC to include and maintain information in the prescription monitoring program on the administering of opioid antidotes in a hospital emergency department or by a first responder. DHEC indicates that upgrades to the prescription monitoring program to receive this information from hospitals and first responders will increase one-time Federal Funds expenditures in FY 2019-20 by \$36,067. These expenditures will provide access for first responders to the prescription monitoring program through an expansion of the existing emergency medical system program. Additionally, the bill will require recurring General Fund expenditures of \$7,500 beginning in FY 2019-20 to maintain functionality between the emergency medical system and the prescription monitoring program. For these estimates on the additional cost of the bill requirements, DHEC relies on cost data from their current emergency medical system and prescription monitoring program vendors.

The prescription monitoring program is currently supported by a combination of Federal Funds and Other Funds. Federal funding for this program will end on August 31, 2019. Salary and fringe benefits for personnel support of the PMP total \$416,711. Of this total, \$283,363 comes from federal funding. In addition, operating costs for the PMP total \$667,037. These costs include the upkeep of the Enhanced User Interface, which will be used by authorized personnel

to identify and deter drug diversion. Also included in these costs are the upkeep of the central repository for all Schedule II-IV controlled substance prescriptions dispensed in the state, and security measures for data collection, transmission, and dissemination. Of this total, \$500,278 comes from federal funding.

DHEC has submitted a \$1,083,748 budget request to continue the operation of the prescription monitoring system. This budget request is included in the Governor's Executive Budget at \$1,083,748 to replace the lost grant funding for the prescription monitoring program. If the budget request is included in the appropriation act for FY 2019-20, the expenditure impact of this bill amounts to \$36,067 in non-recurring Federal Funds and \$7,500 in recurring General Fund expenditures beginning in FY 2019-20 as detailed above.

If the \$1,083,748 appropriation request is not funded for FY 2019-20, DHEC indicates that the department will require additional recurring General Funds of \$1,091,248 and \$36,067 in non-recurring funds in order to continue the current prescription monitoring program and make the changes required by this bill.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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