

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 840**

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TO: The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr., Chairperson, Senate Medical Affairs Committee  
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board  
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AUTHOR: Senator Bryant PRIMARY CODE CITE: 44-53-1640  
SUBJECT: Prescription Monitoring Program

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 840 amends Sections 44-53-1640(B)(2) and 44-53-1650(D)(8) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the state prescription monitoring program administered by the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC). The Bill clarifies the frequency of reporting by deleting the phrase “at least” so that dispensers now must submit the required information to DHEC every thirty days between the first and fifteenth of each month. Current law states that any data gathered for research or education that would identify a specific recipient, prescriber or dispenser must be redacted prior to disclosure; and that release of the information requires a written agreement between qualified personnel and the Department. However, the Bill provides that release of the information may be made only pursuant to a court order.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department reports that this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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