

RECOMMENDATIONS AND INSTRUCTION ABOUT OPIOID ABUSE AND ADDICTION

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House Bills 4406 & 4407 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4406 would add a section to the Public Health Code (proposed MCL 333.7113a), which would **require the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission to develop and provide recommendations for the instruction of students on prescription opioid drug abuse** to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) by January 1, 2018. These must include recommendations for instruction on the prescription drug epidemic and the connection between prescription drug epidemic and the connection between prescription opioid drug abuse and addiction to other drugs.

[The Commission, created within the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) by Governor Snyder's Executive Order No. 2016-15,¹ replaced the Controlled Substances Advisory Commission and the Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management. It was charged with reviewing the 2015 Report of Findings and Recommendations for Action from the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force, and developing and proposing policies to implement those recommendations, among other tasks.]

House Bill 4407 would add a section to the Revised School Code (proposed MCL 380.1503) that would require the board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy (PSA, or charter school) to **include a program on prescription opioid drug abuse in its required health education curriculum.**²

No later than July 1, 2018, the **MDE must develop or adopt a model program of instruction** on prescription opioid drug abuse based on the recommendations developed by the Commission, described above. This model program must include, at least, instruction on the prescription drug epidemic and the connection between prescription opioid drug abuse and addiction to other drugs.

The bills are tie-barred together, meaning neither could take effect unless both are enacted. They would take effect 90 days after enactment.

¹ https://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/EO_2016-15_527251_7.pdf

² MCL 380.1502 requires health and physical education for pupils of both sexes to be established and provided in all public schools in Michigan. The Michigan Merit Standard Curriculum required for high school graduation (unless the student completes an alternative personal curriculum) includes one credit of health and physical education.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4407 would have an indeterminate cost increase for the state, as well as for school districts and public school academies (PSAs). The state would incur an indeterminate cost increase for administrative resources to develop or adopt a model program of instruction on prescription opioid drug abuse and make it available to school districts and PSAs. School districts and PSAs would then incur an indeterminate cost increase, at least initially, for administrative resources to adapt the current health education curriculum to include a program of instruction on prescription opioid drug abuse.

A fiscal analysis for House Bill 4406 is in progress.

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