

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 1446
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Impact:	OBNDD: \$0
Insurance Dept. (non-appropriated): possible cost	

Research Analysis

SB 1446 provides that the Board of Medical Licensure is to require a licensee receive not less than one hour of education in pain management and opioid use and addiction each year preceding an application for renewal of a license, unless the licensee has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board that the licensee does not currently hold a valid federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration number. The measure modifies the definition of “unprofessional conduct” by including the prescribing, dispensing or administering opioid drugs in excess of the authorized maximum dosages. The measure adds various definitions as used in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act relating to the prescribing of opioids. The measure provides that the failure of a registrant to access and check the central repository is grounds for disciplinary action. The measure allows OBNDD to make unsolicited notifications to the licensing boards of a pharmacist or practitioner. The measure restricts initial prescriptions for opioids to a seven-day supply. The measure requires the Insurance Department to evaluate the effect of the limits on prescriptions of opioid medication on claims paid by health insurance carriers.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1446, upon review by OBNDD, has no fiscal or revenue considerations for the agency. The measure, however, according to the Insurance Department, will have a cost to the non-appropriated agency. The exact impact is under review by the Department.

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Other Considerations

None.