BILL SUMMARY

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SB 614

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Creates a felony offense

Research Analysis

SB 614 requires a facility and/or physician that performs medication abortions using Mifepristone to:

- conspicuously post a sign that informs women that the drug is not always effective in ending a pregnancy and that it may be possible to reverse the effects of the drug if the second dose is not taken;
- inform the woman at least 72 hours prior to the procedure that it may be possible to reverse the effects of the drug, except in the case of a medical emergency; and
- provide written instructions to the woman following the initial dose of the drug that it may be possible to reverse the effects of the drug and where to get help.

The measure makes it a felony for any person to perform a medication abortion using Mifepristone knowingly or recklessly in violation of the provisions of the act, and provides for the assessment of a \$10,000 fine on a facility that knowingly fails to post the required signage.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 614 creates a felony offense punishable by incarceration in the custody of the Dept. of Corrections (DOC). The exact impact is dependent upon how many individuals are convicted and the length of their sentence. Currently, the average cost of incarceration of one inmate in DOC custody is \$58.70/day or \$21,425.50/year.

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Other Considerations

None.

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