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Bill Analysis

SB 1912 directs the State Department of Health to design a wholesale prescription drug importation program in consultation with interested stakeholders and appropriate federal officials. The program must designate a state agency to either become a licensed drug wholesaler or contract with a licensed drug wholesaler, use Canadian drug supplies, ensure imported drugs comply with relevant laws and regulations, import only those drugs that will result in savings, ensure tracking and tracing requirements are met, include a robust auditing process, and prohibit the sale of drugs outside of the state.

The Secretary of Health and Mental Health is directed to submit the plan to the relevant House and Senate committees no later than January 1, 2021. No later than July 1, 2021, the State Department of Health will submit the request to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for certification. The program shall be implemented once the Legislature enacts a method to financially support the program and once certification is received.

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