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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Passed by the Senate

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Romanchuk

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or local subdivisions. The bill effectively broadens the list of professionals who may administer certain immunizations and lowers the age of those who may receive them. It allows a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician (certified or registered) to administer a vaccine for any disease to any person who is five or older.¹ Under current law, only licensed pharmacists and pharmacy interns are permitted to administer a vaccine to: (1) a person between the ages of seven and 13 for influenza, COVID-19, and any other disease pursuant to a prescription, and (2) a person over 13 for any disease.

When administering a vaccine to a person under 18, the bill also requires the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician to inform the individual's parent or legal guardian of the importance of well child visits with a pediatrician or other primary care provider, and to refer patients when appropriate.

The State Board of Pharmacy is required to adopt and update rules on the administration of immunizations to accommodate the expansion of the authority for pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians under the bill. The Board does not expect these provisions to create any discernible additional rulemaking, licensing, or regulatory costs.

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¹ The bill authorizes a certified pharmacy technician or registered pharmacy technician to administer such immunizations, but under the direct supervision of a pharmacist and if certain training requirements are met.