



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 421 of the 131st G.A.

Date: May 24, 2016

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Rep. LaTourette

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Pharmacist authority to administer certain drugs by injection

State Fiscal Highlights

- There should be no discernible ongoing costs for the State Board of Pharmacy or the State Medical Board to adopt and enforce rules authorizing a pharmacist to administer a specified drug by injection.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill authorizes pharmacists to administer a specific set of prescribed drugs to individuals by injection under a set of rules defined within the bill. To be eligible to administer drugs by injection, pharmacists must (1) successfully complete a course in the administration of drugs which has been approved by the State Board of Pharmacy, (2) obtain and maintain certification in basic life-support, and (3) practice in accordance with a protocol established by a physician and approved by the Board of Pharmacy. The drug to be administered must be prescribed by a physician with authority to prescribe it.

The State Board of Pharmacy is required to adopt rules governing pharmacist administration of drugs by injection, including approving courses in the administration of drugs, approving protocols, and specifying procedures. Violators would be subject to the Board of Pharmacy's disciplinary procedures.¹ These rule-making and enforcement duties are not expected to create any discernible ongoing costs for the Board of Pharmacy.

¹ The disciplinary actions the State Board of Pharmacy may take include revoking, suspending, or limiting the pharmacist's or intern's identification card; placing the pharmacist's or intern's identification card on probation; refusing to grant or renew the pharmacist's or intern's identification card; or imposing a monetary penalty or forfeiture not to exceed \$500. Any forfeiture collected would be deposited to the credit of Fund 4K90, the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund.

The bill also requires the State Medical Board to adopt rules for physicians to follow when prescribing a drug which may be injected by a pharmacist. Violators would be subject to the Medical Board's disciplinary procedures.² These rule-making and enforcement duties are not expected to create any discernible ongoing costs for the Medical Board.

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² The disciplinary actions the State Medical Board may take include limiting, revoking, or suspending an individual's prescriber number or license/certificate to practice, refusing to issue a license/certificate to an applicant, refusing to renew a certificate, refusing to reinstate a license/certificate, or reprimanding or placing on probation the holder of a license/certificate.