



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1662

PRINTERS NO. 2528

PRIME SPONSOR: DiGirolamo

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1662, Printer's Number 2528, amends the Methadone Death and Incident Review Act to include deaths and incidents attributable to any medication approved for the treatment of opioid use disorder and renames to the Medication Death and Incident Review Act. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** The Methadone Death and Incident Review Act created the Methadone Death and Incident Review Team (MDAIR Team) in the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) in 2012 to review and examine the circumstances surrounding methadone-related deaths and incidents for the purpose of promoting safety, reducing deaths/incidents and improving treatment practices. This legislation expands the duties of the renamed Medication Death and Incident Review Team to include a review all deaths and incidents from any medication approved by the United State Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid use disorder. The Medication Death and Incident Review Team is expanded to include four additional members: a representative from a recovery organization; an office-based agonist treatment provider who provides office-based prescribing of buprenorphine; an individual from the Department of Health who is affiliated with the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program; and a toxicologist.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to DDAP, two additional staff will be needed to accommodate the additional case referrals to the Medication Death and Incident Review Team from adding other medications used in the treatment of opioid use disorder. The estimated FY 2019-20 cost for two new DDAP program staff to investigate the increased caseload is \$127,000, assuming half-year costs, and annualizes at \$216,000 in FY 2020-21. DDAP's FY 2019-20 enacted General Government Operations appropriation is \$2,657,000.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*