



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1783

PRINTER'S NO. 3306

PRIME SPONSOR: Venkat

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

### SUMMARY:

This legislation requires the Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, to develop and publish educational material about opioid-related overdose and requires the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to establish a grant program for the development, expansion, or improvement of recovery support services.

### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1783, Printer's Number 3306 amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to add Chapter 52C, Substance Use Overdose Awareness, Treatment and Recovery Support. Under this Chapter, the Department of Health must develop Opioid Overdose Awareness educational material. Requirements for these educational materials include:

- Develop and publish a poster in various sizes and a pamphlet with opioid-related overdose information described in the legislation on its Internet Website. The legislation allows the department to meet the poster and the pamphlet requirements by updating existing materials with the information described in the legislation.
- Provide the poster in additional languages upon request.
- Provide posters at no cost to entities required to display the poster, which include commonwealth agency, metropolitan transportation authority, and municipality.

Under this Chapter, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs must establish the Lifetime Recovery from Substance Use Grant Program, which is a grant program for the development, expansion, or improvement of recovery support services. The department is required to:

- Allocate grants statewide and in each of the nine geographic areas of the commonwealth recognized by the department for similarly focused grants.
- Adopt application guidelines within 45 days of the effective date of the amendment. Guidelines shall include scoring criteria and statistics to be used for determination of areas that have a high incidence of substance use.
- Award grants to applicants and provide information documenting the overall score to the applicants that are not awarded a grant.
- Publish an annual report on its internet website no later than March 31 of each year, detailing grant recipients, amounts awarded, service recipients, and survey results. The report must be submitted to key Senate and House committee chairpersons and minority chairperson as outlined in the amendment.

The General Assembly may appropriate money to the department for this program.

This act shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Assuming this legislation is enacted in June 2024, any increase operational cost for the Department of Health will likely be incurred after July 1, 2024, so there is no fiscal impact to the commonwealth for 2023/24.

For 2024/25, the Department of Health estimates \$110,000 in increased operational costs as a result of this legislation.

Any increase in administrative cost to the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs resulting from the reporting requirements in this legislation can likely be covered by the department's current appropriations. Additionally, the legislation establishes a grant program in the department. The grants issued under this program are subject to funding appropriated by the General Assembly. Therefore, any increase in cost to the commonwealth is dependent on the amount that is appropriated, which is not available at this time, and the fiscal impact is not able to be determined.

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