

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1368

**PRINTER NO.** 2075

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund  
Restricted Account – State Board of Medicine  
Restricted Account – State Board of Osteopathic  
Medicine  
Restricted Account – State Board of Podiatry

**DATE INTRODUCED**

September 3, 2016

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Killion

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 1368 amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by adding Chapter 51 (Safe Opioid Prescription).

The legislation states beginning January 1, 2018, licensing boards must require that an applicant submit proof that they have completed approved safe opioid prescription education prior to the granting of a license or certificate that would allow them to prescribe opioids.

This requirement applies to the following licensing boards:

1. The State Board of Dentistry
2. The State Board of Medicine
3. The State Board of Nursing
4. The State Board of Optometry
5. The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
6. The State Board of Podiatry

Beginning August 1, 2017, the licensing boards, by joint resolution, must implement a controlled substance containing an opioid curriculum. The curriculum may be offered in colleges or by providers approved by the licensing boards.

The curriculum shall include all of the following:

1. Current, age-appropriate information relating to pain management;
2. Multimodal treatments for chronic pain that minimize the use of opioids;
3. Instruction on safe methods of prescribing an opioid that follow guideline-based care;
4. Identification of patients who have risk factors for developing problems with prescription of opioids; and
5. Training on managing substance abuse disorders as a chronic disease.

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The education required in this legislation shall not be considered part of the college's curriculum necessary for graduation. The licensing boards may issue temporary regulations in order to facilitate the prompt implementation of these requirements.

This legislation would take effect immediately.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Department of State advises that the enactment of this legislation will have no significant fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. The enabling statutes for the licensing boards require the boards to be self-funding. Any increase in costs would either be absorbed within existing balances of the boards' restricted accounts or offset by increases in licensure fees.