
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1346 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY YAW, FONTANA, TEPLITZ, ARGALL, COSTA, WHITE,
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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
AUGUST 5, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),
2 entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine
3 and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts;
4 reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and
5 Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for
6 its composition, powers and duties; providing for the
7 issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and
8 revocation of licenses and certificates; provided penalties;
9 and making repeals," providing for opioid prescribing
10 curriculum.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),
14 known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, is amended by adding
15 a section to read:

16 Section 23.1. Opioid prescribing curriculum.

17 (a) General rule.--Beginning January 1, 2017, the State
18 Board of Medicine shall implement a safe opioid prescribing
19 curriculum in medical colleges and other medical training
20 facilities offering or desiring to offer medical training. The

1 curriculum shall be offered in medical colleges and medical
2 training facilities at least every three years.

3 (b) Curriculum.--The curriculum shall include all of the
4 following:

5 (1) Current, age-appropriate information relating to
6 pain management.

7 (2) Multimodal treatments for chronic pain that minimize
8 the use of opioids.

9 (3) When opioids are indicated, instruction on safe
10 methods of prescribing opioids that follow guideline-based
11 care.

12 (4) Identification of patients who have risk factors for
13 developing problems with prescription opioids.

14 (5) Training on managing substance abuse disorders as a
15 chronic disease.

16 (c) Funding.--State funding of medical colleges and medical
17 training facilities shall be contingent on implementation of the
18 safe opioid prescribing curriculum in conjunction with
19 regulations adopted by the board.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.