

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Within the last decade, abuse and misuse of certain prescription drugs, especially pain medications, has become prevalent. Studies have indicated that educating the appropriate health care providers about the growing problem and providing them with information will create a heightened awareness of the appropriate use of pain medication as well as the misuse and diversion of addictive pain medication. As proposed, S.B. 144 would require the governing boards of several health professions to provide their members with information about prescribing pain medications and addiction.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 153A, Occupations Code, by adding Sections 153.014 and 153.015, as follows:

Sec. 153.014. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. Requires the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners (TSBME), at least once each biennium, to provide to each license holder certain information regarding the use and abuse of certain drugs.

Sec. 153.015. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. Requires TSBME to provide to each license holder information regarding the services provided by poison control centers.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 202D, Occupations Code, by adding Sections 202.160 and 202.161, as follows:

Sec. 202.160 INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. Requires the Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (TBPME), at least once each biennium, to provide to each license holder certain information regarding the use and abuse of certain drugs.

Sec. 202.161. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. Requires TBPME to provide to each license holder information regarding the services provided by poison control centers.

SECTION 3. Amends Chapter 254, Occupations Code, by adding Sections 254.013 and 254.014, as follows:

Sec. 254.013. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. Requires the State Board of Dental Examiners (SBDE), at least once each biennium, to provide to each license holder certain information regarding the use and abuse of certain drugs.

Sec. 254.014. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. Requires SBDE to provide to each license holder information regarding the services provided by poison control centers.

SECTION 4. Amends Chapter 301D, Occupations Code, by adding Sections 301.1581 and 301.1582, as follows:

Sec. 301.1581. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. Requires the Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE), at least once each biennium, to provide to each license holder certain information regarding the use and abuse of certain drugs.

Sec. 301.1582. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. Requires BNE to provide to each license holder information regarding the services provided by poison control centers.

SECTION 5. Amends Chapter 302D, Occupations Code, by adding Sections 302.1551 and 302.1552, as follows:

Sec. 302.1551. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. Requires the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners (BVNE), at least once each biennium, to provide to each license holder certain information regarding the use and abuse of certain drugs.

Sec. 302.1552. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. Requires BVNE to provide to each license holder information regarding the services provided by poison control centers.

SECTION 6. Amends Chapter 554A, Occupations Code, by adding Sections 554.014 and 554.015, as follows:

Sec. 554.014. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. Requires the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP), at least once each biennium, to provide to each license holder certain information regarding the use and abuse of certain drugs.

Sec. 554.015. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. Requires TSBP to provide to each license holder information regarding the services provided by poison control centers.

SECTION 7. Effective date: September 1, 2003.

(b) Requires a state agency that is subject to this Act to develop written and other materials that contain the information required by this Act not later than January 1, 2004. Requires the state agencies that are subject to this Act to cooperate in developing the materials and to ensure, to the extent possible, that the same information is contained in the materials used by each agency.