

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB2435H1 **Patron:** Webert
Bill Title: Arrest and prosecution when experiencing or reporting overdose; notification to prescriber.

Bill Summary: The substitute bill directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to establish a model policy for best practices for law-enforcement officers responding to or investigating an overdose, when prescriber information has been obtained during the course of such response or investigation, to notify the prescriber of any controlled substance found to be in the possession of or believed to have been ingested by the victim that such prescription of a controlled substance was involved in an overdose. Such model policy shall include that a notification to a prescriber of a controlled substance shall not be required if such notification would jeopardize an active law-enforcement investigation.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 391
Explanation: Additional funding required to support one position and one-time cost for the development of model policies with a subject matter expert consultant.

Fiscal Summary: According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the agency anticipates a one-time expense of \$50,000 to hire subject matter experts. DCJS also anticipates the need for one additional FTE to develop and regularly update new model policies and lesson plans, for a total estimated cost of \$108,750 annually.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
DCJS	0	158,750	108,750	108,750	108,750	108,750
TOTAL	0	158,750	108,750	108,750	108,750	108,750

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
DCJS	0	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	0	1	1	1	1	1

Fiscal Analysis: This substitute bill requires DCJS to establish a model policy for best practices for law enforcement officers responding to or investigating an overdose to notify prescribers of information about the role played by controlled substances prescribed by the prescriber involved in an overdose. DCJS anticipates a

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one-time cost of \$50,000 to contract with a subject matter expert for the development of the new model policy.

DCJS also anticipates the need for one FTE to serve as criminal justice analyst to develop new model policies and lesson plans for law enforcement. The criminal justice analyst would also be responsible for responding to inquiries from law enforcement agencies and regularly updating the model policies and lesson plans. This position would have an estimated annual salary of \$75,000, plus \$33,750 in fringe benefits, for a total cost of \$108,750.

Other: None