

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2025 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB1318 ER

**Patron:** McPike

**Bill Title:** EMS providers; Bd. of Pharmacy shall convene work group to advise Bd. on issues related thereto.

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Board of Pharmacy to convene a work group to advise on issues related to emergency medical service providers. The work group shall consist of six members, three of whom shall be appointed by the State Board of Health and three of whom shall be members of the Board of Pharmacy. The workgroup shall meet at least quarterly and be staffed by the Board of Pharmacy until the bill's expiration date of June 30, 2027.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** n/a

**Explanation:** The costs associated with this bill are not expected to require an appropriation adjustment or other budget amendment. The bill does not require that language updates be made to the proposed Appropriation Act.

**Fiscal Summary:** This legislation is expected to create costs on the part of the Board of Pharmacy that can be supported by current and forthcoming fee revenue.

**Fiscal Analysis:** This bill requires the Board of Pharmacy ("the Board") to convene a workgroup of stakeholders and staff the workgroup of stakeholders for quarterly meetings, as well as any other meetings that may be called by a majority of the workgroup members. It is expected that this schedule will result in at least eight meetings of the workgroup prior to the expiration clause on June 30, 2027.

The Board estimates the cost of convening one meeting to be roughly \$5,000; this estimate accounts for travel and/or lodging costs for workgroup members, food, room rentals, technology support, and other miscellaneous costs that may be associated with hosting a meeting. This estimate translates to an expected cost of \$20,000 per state fiscal year (i.e., four meetings per state fiscal year) and \$40,000 over the two state fiscal years preceding the expiration clause. This estimate is subject to an additional \$5,000 increase for each meeting that is convened outside of the quarterly schedule.

The operations of the Board of Pharmacy and the Department of Health Professions are wholly sustained by nongeneral fund revenue that is generated through practitioner fees. The Board is currently engaged in a regulatory action to increase fees so that they may cover operating expenses, and it is expected that the costs associated with the workgroup can be supported by fee revenue that will be generated through this increase.

**Other:** n/a