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Bill Number: SB1257ER

Patron: Bagby

Bill Title: Public institutions of higher education; student and campus safety; training in opioid antagonist administration for resident assistants required.

Bill Summary: Requires each resident assistant in a student housing facility at a public institution of higher education to complete, prior to the commencement of his duties, training in the administration of an opioid antagonist to any student, faculty, or staff member who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose. The bill requires each public institution of higher education to adopt policies and procedures relating to the administration of an opioid antagonist by each resident assistant, including policies and procedures (i) requiring each resident assistant to complete such training pursuant to the provisions of the bill; and (ii) arranging for the provision of such opioid antagonist administration training. Finally, the bill modifies the provisions relating to individuals who are authorized to possess and administer opioid antagonists to include resident assistants in a student housing facility at a public institution of higher education who have completed training in the administration of an opioid antagonist in accordance with the provisions of the bill.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Explanation: This bill impacts public institutions of higher education (IHEs). Most public IHEs anticipate ongoing costs to meet the requirements of this bill. The actual fiscal impact to public IHEs is indeterminate at this time.

Fiscal Summary: The bill requires IHEs to train all resident assistants (RAs) to administer an opioid antagonist (OA). Current practices for training RAs and providing access to OAs vary by institution. Some institutions anticipate potential increased staffing, training, and administrative costs to oversee the logistics of and compliance with the provisions of this bill. Additionally, IHEs cite potential legal liabilities and costs as a result of the expectation for student RAs to administer medication. The actual fiscal impact is indeterminate at this time.

Other: None.