

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB641

Patron: Pillion

Bill Title: Board of Medicine; office-based buprenorphine treatment; counseling.

Bill Summary: Directs the Board of Medicine to amend its regulations regarding office-based buprenorphine treatment to require providers to offer counseling or referral to counseling to each patient as clinically necessary and mutually agreed-upon. The bill specifies that a patient's refusal of counseling does not preclude the patient from receiving office-based buprenorphine treatment for opioid use disorder. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: Minimal/absorbable fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: Any time, workload, or fiscal impacts associated with amending existing regulations for the Board of Medicine are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.

Other: SB641 may be a companion to HB712.