

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 462

Controlled Substances/Prescription Monitoring by Senator Fasano

Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to design and establish an electronic system to monitor the prescribing of controlled substances listed in Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV by health care practitioners. Requires the monitoring of the dispensing of such controlled substances to an individual by a dispensing practitioner or by a pharmacy permitted or registered by the Board of Pharmacy.

Requires that each time such a controlled substance is dispensed to an individual, the controlled substance be reported to the AHCA through the system as soon thereafter as possible, but not more than 15 days after the date the controlled substance is dispensed. Requires the AHCA to notify each dispenser and prescriber subject to the reporting requirements of the implementation date for the reporting requirements as set forth in the rules of the AHCA. Specifies circumstances under which a pharmacy or practitioner is exempt from participating in the system. Provides that it is a first degree misdemeanor offense to knowingly fail to report the dispensing of such controlled substances as required by this act.

Requires prescribing or dispensing pharmacists and practitioners to submit information in an electronic or other format approved by rule of the AHCA. Requires all transmissions to comply with relevant privacy and security laws of the state and federal government.

Requires that all costs incurred by the agency in administering the prescription-monitoring system be paid through federal, private, or grant funding sources. (See bill for details)