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HB-5597

AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Cost

The amendment strikes the language in the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact.

Section 1 requires the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to establish a pilot program in up to five communities by January 1, 2022 to provide grants to serve persons with opioid use disorder. Grants will support at least two peer navigators to meet the provisions of the amendment, which is anticipated to cost approximately \$150,000 to \$175,000 per community.

The amendment requires DMHAS to report to the Public Health Committee by January 1, 2023 regarding the success of the pilot program and recommendations to continue or expand such program to other areas of the state.

Section 2, which requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish and raise awareness of guidelines for the use of evidence-based, nonpharmaceutical therapies to treat chronic pain, has no fiscal impact.

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