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LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2015

Bill Number: H.45 Name of Bill: An act related to the VT prescription monitoring system reporting

Agency/Dept: VT State Police Author of Bill Review: Lt Brian Miller

Date of Bill Review: 01/30/15 Related Bills and Key Players: _____

Status of Bill: (check one)

☒ Upon Introduction ☐ As passed by 1st body ☐ As passed by both bodies

Recommended Position:

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Remain Neutral ☐ Support with modifications identified in # 8 below

Analysis of Bill

1. **Summary of bill and issue it addresses.** This bill will require opioid treatment programs to report to the VT prescription monitoring system when methadone or medication containing buprenorphine is first dispensed to a patient or when the prescription is altered.
2. **Is there a need for this bill?** *Yes, Currently an Opioid that is dispensed by a treatment facility for a short duration of not more than 48 hours does not have to be reported it to the Prescription monitoring system. Due to the abuse potential of opioids this law should be changed*
3. **What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?** None
4. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** This will cause more cases of dispensing to be reported to the Prescription monitoring system. Those who dispense will have more work to do in making the report and the health department will have these additional reports.
5. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** Treatment facilities will have to make more reports then they do now and this may cause some issues for them
6. **Other Stakeholders:**
 - 6.1 **Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?** Advocates of drug abuse prevention, Doctors who treat patients and utilize the monitoring system for diagnosing information.
 - 6.2 **Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why?** Some treatment centers may not be in favor as the report includes not only when it is dispensed but also if the prescription amount is changed.
7. **Rationale for recommendation:** *This closes a loop hole where persons who are prescribed this class of opioid are not in the VT prescription monitoring system. These are the individuals who are often abusers of*

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pharmaceuticals and there should be the record of all prescriptions they receive.

8. Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill: *none*

9. Gubernatorial appointments to board or commission?

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document

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Date: 1/27/15