

REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLEEN PECK

H.B. 257 Opiate Information Amendments

ENSURES THAT PHARMACIES — NOT THE STATE
— PROVIDE OPIATE ABUSE PREVENTION
INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO PATIENTS AT THE
POINT OF SALE.

Requires a pharmacy that dispenses opiates to provide each patient with an informational pamphlet.

The pamphlet must include:

- Risk of dependency and addiction
- Safe storage and disposal methods
- Alternative pain management options
- Information on naloxone
- Resources for substance use disorder treatment

Maintains quality standards:

- Evaluated periodically for effectiveness
 - Written in clear, understandable language
 - Available in English and other appropriate languages
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Fiscal Impact

\$14,700 in annual state savings

The topic was discussed in the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee specifically to reduce unnecessary state expenditures.

Why This Matters

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Pharmacies are private businesses that dispense and profit from opioid medications.

The responsibility to provide educational materials should rest with the entity directly distributing the product not the taxpayer.

Ensures patients continue receiving critical safety information without burdening the state budget.
