

1st Sub. H.B. 400

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMENDMENTS

Representative **Edward H. Redd** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Lines 34 through 47:*

34           (2) ~~{Except as provided in Subsection (4), a}~~ A prescriber may not issue an initial opiate  
35 prescription without discussing with the patient, or the patient's parent or guardian if the patient  
36 is under 18 years of age and is not an emancipated minor:

37           (a) the risks of addiction and overdose associated with opiate drugs;

38           (b) the dangers of taking opiates with alcohol, benzodiazepines, and other central  
39 nervous system depressants;

40           (c) the reasons why the prescription is necessary;

41           (d) alternative treatments that may be available; and

42           (e) other risks associated with the use of the drugs being prescribed.

{~~43 This section does not apply to a prescription for:~~

44 ~~(a) a patient who is currently in active treatment for cancer;~~

45 ~~(b) a patient who is receiving hospice care from a licensed hospice; or~~

46 ~~(c) a medication that is being prescribed to a patient for the treatment of the patient's~~  
47 ~~substance abuse or opiate dependence.~~}