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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 231 of the 132nd G.A. Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Ginter and Sprague Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Pharmacist responsibility to offer lockable or tamper-proof container

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

• There should be no discernible ongoing costs for the State Board of Pharmacy to develop the required educational statement or to adopt and enforce rules related to the bill's requirement that a pharmacist offer to dispense certain drugs in a lockable or tamper evident container.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires pharmacists who dispense a drug containing a schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance to (1) offer to dispense the drug in a lockable or tamper evident container, and (2) provide an educational statement developed by the State Board of Pharmacy.

The State Board of Pharmacy is required to develop an educational statement to educate patients on the potential for abuse and diversion of drugs containing controlled substances and is authorized to adopt rules it considers necessary to implement the requirements of the bill. A pharmacist who fails to offer to dispense the specified drugs in a lockable or tamper evident container would be subject to the Board's disciplinary procedures.¹ These rulemaking and enforcement duties are not expected to create any discernible ongoing costs for the Board.

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¹ The disciplinary actions the State Board of Pharmacy may take include revoking, suspending, or limiting the pharmacist's or intern's identification card; placing the pharmacist's or intern's identification card on probation; refusing to grant or renew the pharmacist's or intern's identification card; or imposing a monetary penalty or forfeiture not to exceed \$500. Any money collected is credited to Fund 4K90, the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund.