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Bill Number: H. 3217 Introduced on January 12, 2021
Author: Chumley
Subject: Opt Out of Vaccinations
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith and Coomer
Impact Date: January 22, 2021

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) because any additional duties that come from allowing individuals to opt out of vaccination as part of a mass immunization project will be managed within the agency's existing appropriations. In addition, the bill, which also prohibits a regulatory or licensing entity from interfering with a practitioner-patient relationship, will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) because the bill does not materially alter the oversight or regulatory duties of the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Examiners, which are under the administration of LLR.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

Section 1. This section of the bill allows an individual, for any reason, to opt out of any vaccination offered by DHEC as part of a mass immunization project to protect against infection disease or prevent the spread of a pandemic or a contagious or possibly contagious disease. DHEC indicates that any additional duties from allowing this exemption will be managed within its existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on DHEC.

Section 2. This section of the bill prohibits a regulatory or licensing entity from preventing a practitioner from prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance to a patient, unless the controlled substance is not safe or effective or has been withdrawn by the United States Food and Drug Administration. The Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Examiners are under the regulation of LLR. This bill does not materially alter the oversight or regulatory duties of the boards. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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