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Bill Number: H. 3697 Introduced on January 14, 2021
Author: G. M. Smith
Subject: Provision of Medications at Correctional Facilities
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner and Coomer
Impact Date: March 11, 2021 Updated for Additional Agency Response

Fiscal Impact Summary

The Department of Corrections reports that it currently utilizes Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Registered Nurses (RNs) to perform this function. The average hourly cost for this service is \$35.57. The bill would allow SCDC to utilize Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs) to perform this duty. The average hourly cost for a CNA to administer medication is \$15.28. Should SCDC utilize CNAs to perform medication administration for inmates, it would result in an annual savings of approximately \$3,275,176.

This bill adds correctional facilities to the list of facilities where medication is allowed to be administered by select unlicensed persons when they possess documented medication training. The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation reports that the bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds of the agency.

The Municipal Association of South Carolina, Charleston County, Chesterfield County, and Lancaster County provided responses that indicated the bill will have no expenditure impact.

This fiscal impact has been updated for an additional response from the Department of Corrections.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response

Introduced on January 14, 2021

State Expenditure

This bill enables select unlicensed persons, having received documented medication training and undergone skill competency evaluations, to administer oral and topical medications, regularly scheduled insulin, and prescribed anaphylactic treatments to inmates housed in South Carolina correctional facilities. Licensed nurses may train, supervise, and approve these persons to administer the noted medications.

Department of Corrections. This bill would allow unlicensed persons who have been trained and have passed competency evaluations to provide and dispense oral and topical medications, regularly-scheduled insulin, and prescribed anaphylactic treatments to prisoners in the state's

correctional facilities. The Department of Corrections (SCDC) reports that it currently utilizes Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Registered Nurses (RNs) to perform this function. The average hourly cost for this service is \$35.57 over 214,344 hours annually. The bill would allow SCDC to utilize Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs) to perform this duty. The average hourly cost for a CNA to administer medication is \$15.28. Should SCDC utilize CNAs to perform medication administration for inmates, it would result in an annual savings of approximately \$3,275,176.

Labor, Licensing and Regulation. As the bill does not operationally impact the agency, it will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Municipal Association of South Carolina and local governments were contacted about the potential expenditure impact of the bill. Charleston County, Chesterfield County, and Lancaster County provided responses that indicated the bill will have no expenditure impact on their funding.

Local Revenue

N/A

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Charleston County, Clarendon County, and Lancaster County provided responses that indicated the bill will have no expenditure impact.

The expenditure impact of the bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the Department of Corrections (department).

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