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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 105, L.D. 129, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Unused Prescription Drug Program"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Plan for a Pilot Program for Distributing Unopened Medicines and Medical Supplies'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Pilot program. The Department of Health and Human Services shall begin planning for a pilot program for distributing unopened medicines and medical supplies that are not needed by the person for whom they were purchased. In designing the pilot program the department shall consider the following: availability of unopened medicines and medical supplies that are not needed by the person for whom they were purchased; the unmet need for those medicines and medical supplies; methods for safe and appropriate distribution to persons who need those medicines and medical supplies; and possible funding through grants and other sources. In designing the program the department shall consult with the Office of the Attorney General, appropriate health care licensing boards, representatives of health care facilities, health care providers, health clinics and health centers, consumer advocates and associations representing pharmaceutical manufacturers and pharmacies. In designing the program the department shall consider liability protection for manufacturers, pharmacies, pharmacists and other health care providers and health care facilities that participate in the
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program. Prior to beginning operation of the pilot program, the department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding plans for the pilot program and the medical, financial and legal implications of those plans.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to begin planning for a pilot program for distributing unopened medicines and medical supplies that are not needed by the person for whom they were purchased and requires a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services prior to operation of the pilot program.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)
An Act To Establish the Unused Prescription Drug Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Health and Human Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Humans Services in implementing this bill can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing budgetary resources.