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Fiscal Note

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H.728 – An act relating to opioid overdose response services

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<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2022/Docs/BILLS/H-0728/H-0728%20As%20Passed%20by%20Both%20House%20and%20Senate%20Unofficial.pdf>

Other bill information

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2022/H.728>

Bill Summary

The bill includes several initiatives related to treatment and recovery from opioid use disorder: Unlike earlier versions of the bill, the bill as passed by the General Assembly has no appropriations. As such the bill would have no fiscal implications for the state budget.

Sec. 8 – Overdose Prevention Site Working Group

Sec. 8 would create an Overdose Prevention Working Group to identify the feasibility and liability of implementing overdose prevention sites in Vermont. The group would have 11 members, 6 of whom are anticipated to be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for no more than 8 meetings.¹ Assuming these 6 members attend 8 meetings, the fiscal impact would be approximately \$6,000. This amount is nominal and can be absorbed within the Department of Health's budget. As such, **no appropriation would be required**. This working group would cease to exist on January 15, 2023.

¹ <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/32/015/01010>