

HCS SCS SB 732 -- CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

SPONSOR: Champion (Jones, 117)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 7 to 0.

This substitute changes the laws regarding drugs and controlled substances. In its main provisions, the substitute:

- (1) Revises the current list of controlled substances;
- (2) Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses who hold a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority from the State Board of Nursing to enter into collaborative agreements with physicians to administer and dispense Schedule III, IV, and V control substances. However, they are prohibited, under any circumstance, from prescribing a controlled substance for themselves or any family member;
- (3) Establishes collaborative agreements and the documentation required for the state board to grant a certificate for prescriptive authority for controlled substances;
- (4) Requires a person selling pseudoephedrine products to keep an electronic log of each transaction and specifies what information must be recorded in the transaction log; and
- (5) Establishes limitations on the amount of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine a pharmacist, intern pharmacist, or registered pharmacy technician may sell, dispense, or provide to any person in a 24-hour period.

The substitute becomes effective January 1, 2009.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$896,115 FY 2009, \$559,936 in FY 2010, and \$566,342 in FY 2011. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill requires the realtime electronic logging of all pseudoephedrine products to make it more difficult for methamphetamine users to obtain the products necessary to produce the drug.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Champion.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say they would like to see every state adopt language similar to the federal Combat

Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 so that purchases are easier to track.

Testifying on the bill was Department of Health and Senior Services.