

FISCAL NOTE

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 Title "An act relating to Exempt Pharmacists." RDU Inmate Health Care
 Component Inmate Health Care
 Sponsor Rules Committee
 Requester Governor Component No. 705

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2007 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation will change current classified pharmacist positions to exempt service. The Department of Corrections continues to experience difficulties with recruiting and/or maintaining a filled pharmacist position. Exempt state pharmacists will allow the Department to be competitive with non-state organizations in the hiring and retention process.

In a recent market study, the Department of Health and Social Services found that pharmacists earn considerably more in non-state positions, making it nearly impossible to retain pharmacists or locate new hires. An informal survey of wages at non-state pharmacies during the summer of 2005 showed wages to range from a starting wage of \$41.82 to \$58.45 per hour depending on experience. The current starting wage for a classified pharmacist (Range 21) in the South Central Region is \$29.61 per hour.

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