

2017 SPECIAL SESSION ON OPIOID ABUSE

Legislative recommendations from
Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and
State Rep. John Nygren, co-chairs of the
Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse

Background

- ❖ September 2016 – Governor Walker announces creation of Governor’s Task Force on Opioid Abuse
- ❖ Co-Chaired by Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette)
- ❖ Multidisciplinary representation
- ❖ Task force concludes its work and publishes a report with recommendations in December 2016

Legislative Recommendations

Recommendations divided into two groups:

1. Legislation and Statutes
2. Funding and Programs

Recommendations – Legislation and Statutes

| LRB # & Title | Health Dept. Support | MPD Support |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| LRB 1328/1 Relating to: prevention and control of, emergency and involuntary commitment for, and treatment programs and services for drug dependence. | Yes | N/A |
| LRB 0639/1 Relating to: authorizing the director of the Office of Educational Opportunity in the University of Wisconsin System to contract for the operation of a recovery school, insurance coverage of mental health treatment provided by a recovery charter school, and making appropriations. | Yes | N/A |
| LRB 1026/1 Relating to: emergency administration of opioid antagonist to pupils. | Yes | N/A |
| LRB 1325/1 Relating to: prohibiting certain schedule V controlled substances from being dispensed without a prescription. | Yes | Yes |
| LRB 1323/1 Relating to: immunity from revocation of probation, parole, or extended supervision for certain controlled offenses. | Yes | No opinion |
| LRB 1471/1 Relating to: grants to establish and expand graduate training in an addiction specialty and making an appropriation. | Yes | N/A |

Recommendations – Funding and Programs

| LRB # & Title | Health Dept. Support | MPD Support |
|---|------------------------|-------------|
| LRB 1473/1 Relating to: addiction medicine consultation program and making an appropriation. | Yes | N/A |
| LRB 1472/1 Relating to: creating additional opioid treatment programs and making an appropriation | Yes, with modification | N/A |
| LRB 1498/1 Relating to: treatment and diversion programs and making an appropriation. | Yes, with modification | N/A |
| LRB 1520/1 Relating to: mental health training program and making an appropriation. | Yes | N/A |

Legislation and Statutes

- ❖ **LRB 1328/1 Relating to: prevention and control of, emergency and involuntary commitment for, and treatment programs and services for drug dependence.**
- ❖ **What it does:**
 - Expands framework for involuntary commitment from those individuals suffering from alcohol addiction to include individuals suffering from drug addiction.
 - Allows family members, friends, and others the opportunity to connect someone suffering with this addiction with an opportunity for treatment and recovery.

Legislation and Statutes

- ❖ **LRB 0639/1 Relating to: authorizing the director of the Office of Educational Opportunity in the University of Wisconsin System to contract for the operation of a recovery school, insurance coverage of mental health treatment provided by a recovery charter school, and making appropriations.**
- ❖ **What it does:**
 - This bill creates a recovery high school where students can continue their education during or after attending a treatment program, effectively heightening the success rate for long-term recovery.
 - Recovery high school provides added supports for students struggling with addiction.
 - Model taken from other states with proven results.

Legislation and Statutes

- ❖ **LRB 1026/1 Relating to: emergency administration of opioid antagonist to pupils.**
- ❖ **What it does:**
 - This bill allows school district personnel to administer an opioid antagonist to a student who experiences an overdose on school grounds.
 - School personnel are currently only allowed to administer epinephrine in the event of an allergic reaction and glucagon in the event of a diabetic student's low blood sugar event.

Legislation and Statutes

- ❖ **LRB 1325/1 Relating to: prohibiting certain schedule V controlled substances from being dispensed without a prescription.**
- ❖ **What it does:**
 - This bill requires a prescription for certain schedule V medications, specifically those containing the opioid, such as codeine cough syrup.
 - Other schedule V medications are not affected by this change and will still be available without a prescription.
 - When codeine is ingested in large doses, the person taking the medication can experience a dangerous high.

Legislation and Statutes

❖ **LRB 1323/1 Relating to: immunity from revocation of probation, parole, or extended supervision for certain controlled offenses.**

❖ **What it does:**

- Expands on 2014 law called the “911 Good Samaritan Law” granting limited immunity to individuals calling 911 to help another person experiencing an overdose.
- Expansion will include limited immunity for the person who is experiencing the overdose.
- Grants immunity from having probation, parole, or extended supervision revoked for possessing a controlled substance or controlled substance analog.
- Grants immunity from prosecution for possessing a controlled substance or controlled substance analog.

Legislation and Statutes

- ❖ **LRB 1471/1 Relating to: grants to establish and expand graduate training in an addiction specialty and making an appropriation.**
- ❖ **What it does:**
 - This bill expands graduate medical training in an addiction specialty by allowing DHS to award grants to hospitals under an existing graduate medical training grant program to increase the number of physicians trained in an addiction specialty.
 - Also allows DHS to award a grant to a hospital for the development of an addiction specialist training program to promote the establishment of graduate medical training programs in rural hospitals.

Funding and Programs

- ❖ **LRB 1473/1 Relating to: addiction medicine consultation program and making an appropriation.**
- ❖ **What it does:**
 - This bill creates a doctor-to-doctor consultation service, modeled after the Medical College of Wisconsin's Child Psychiatry Consultation Program, to help increase access to addiction experts in underserved areas
 - Primarily addresses rural need.

Funding and Programs

❖ **LRB 1472/1 Relating to: creating additional opioid treatment programs and making an appropriation**

❖ **What it does:**

- This bill require DHS to create two or three additional opioid treatment programs in underserved and high-need, but not necessarily rural areas.
- The programs must provide counseling, abstinence-based treatment, and medication-assisted treatment without using methadone.

❖ **Suggested Modification from Health Department:**

- ❖ Additional funding should be sought to fully fund the centers; \$1 million may not be sufficient.
- ❖ Clarifying language on what underserved, high-need areas are.

Funding and Programs

❖ **LRB 1498/1 Relating to: treatment and diversion programs and making an appropriation.**

❖ **What it does:**

- This bill continues appropriation for treatment and diversion (TAD) grants by \$2 million annually by the DOJ to provide alternatives to prosecution and incarceration for criminal offenders who abuse alcohol or other drugs.
- Operated at county level.
- Support treatment courts and diversion programs.

❖ **Suggested Modification from Health Department:**

- ❖ Additional funding should be sought as proposed funding does not meet the state needs.

Funding and Programs

❖ **LRB 1520/1 Relating to: mental health training program and making an appropriation.**

❖ **What it does:**

- This bill increases the appropriation for a program called Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) by \$100,000 annually.
- Evidence-based strategy used in schools .
- Connects students with adults trained to counsel students through situations regarding drugs and/or alcohol.

Governor's Budget

- Provide \$2 million GPR one-time in both FY18 and FY19, for a total of \$9 million over the biennium for grants for the expansion of Treatment and Diversion programs (TAD).
- Provide an additional one-time \$150,000 GPR in both FY18 and FY19, for a total of \$1.3 million for drug courts over the biennium, for grants to counties to help them expand drug courts.
- Provide the DOJ with \$500,000 in both FY18 and FY19 for supplies and services related to drug interdiction activities, primarily focused on opioid and methamphetamine abuse.
- Provide \$150,000 in FY18 to purchase equipment for the state crime laboratories to better identify controlled substances during forensic toxicology investigations.
- Provide \$518,300 in both FY18 and FY19 and 5.0 FTE in the Department of Safety and Professional Services to modernize the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

Hearings this week – March 2

- 10:00 AM: Assembly Criminal Justice and Public Safety
 - SSAB-001 Opioid Antagonist Administration to Pupils
 - SSAB-002 TAD Programs
 - SSAB-010 Additional DOJ Agents
- 1:30 PM: Assembly Education
 - SSAB-006 Recovery Charter School
 - SSAB-011 Mental Health Training