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**SB17-033**

**REVISED  
FISCAL NOTE**

(replaces fiscal note dated January 17, 2017)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0252  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Aguilar  
Rep. Lawrence

**Date:** February 15, 2017  
**Bill Status:** House Health, Insurance, and  
Environment  
**Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777)

**BILL TOPIC:** DELEGATE DISPENSING OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal workload increase.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The **reengrossed bill** allows a professional nurse to delegate to another person, after appropriate training, the dispensing authority of an over-the-counter (OTC) medication to a minor with the signed consent of the minor's parent or guardian. In order to delegate, the professional nurse must have written authorization, which may include standing orders, from the health care provider with prescriptive authority. It also allows advanced practice nurses to delegate medical functions to a professional nurse or practical nurse, consistent with the medical plan prescribed by a physician, podiatrist, or dentist.

**State Expenditures**

The bill may result in a minimal, one-time increase in workload for the State Board of Nursing and the Department of Regulatory Agencies to update rules concerning the authority of professional nurses to delegate dispensing authority of OTC medication. On an ongoing basis, state agencies and institutions of higher education that operate medical facilities that employ nurses may have a minimal increase in workload to train staff on the changes under the bill and to track parental consent for delegating authority for dispensing OTC medication to minors. Any workload increases under the bill are assumed to be minimal and no adjustment in appropriations to any state agency is required.

**Local Government Impact**

Similar to the state impact discussed above, local governments and school districts that employ nurses may have increased workload to train staff on the changes under the bill and to track parental consent for delegating authority for dispensing OTC medication to minors. The impact to local government is expected to be minimal.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Corrections  
Education  
Higher Education  
Information Technology  
School Districts

Counties  
Health Care Policy and Financing  
Human Services  
Regulatory Agencies