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Summary HB 1186 PN 3130

This legislation amends the Administrative Code of 1929 to move all appropriations, responsibilities, and personnel pertaining to drug and alcohol abuse from the Department of Health to a new Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. The new Department will consist of three Bureaus: Bureau of Prevention and Intervention, Bureau of Treatment, and the Bureau of Administration.

The new Department is tasked with developing and adopting a state plan that will include efforts to coordinate treatment, education, and rehabilitation efforts with state agencies and other parties to improve consistency and avoid duplication. The Department will help to develop model drug and alcohol control plans for local governments, and to produce and disseminate educational materials targeted towards children, adults, and professionals who work with drug and alcohol dependent individuals. Additionally, the department is charged with coordinating research on addiction, developing a system of emergency medical services for those seeking treatment, and for issuing grants and contracts for prevention, intervention and treatment.

The Department will establish an information center to gather data on drug and alcohol dependence and will make this information widely available. Organizations involved in implantation of the state plan will be required to report on the associated activities at least annually and the Department may direct a performance audit. The Department will make an annual report to the General Assembly on actions taken, funds expended, and effectiveness of the programs.

Effective Date

This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.