



# HOUSE BILL 325: Opioid Epidemic Response Act.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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<b>Analysis of:</b>	S.L. 2019-159		

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2019-159 removes the registration requirement for buprenorphine prescribers, decriminalizes the use of drug testing equipment, broadens the objectives of syringe exchange programs, and removes the restriction on using State funds to purchase to purchase needles, hypodermic syringes, or other injection supplies.*

*This act became effective July 22, 2019.*

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

The act does the following:

**Part I** eliminates the state registration requirement for buprenorphine prescribers.

**Part II** decriminalizes drug testing equipment used to detect contaminants in controlled substances.

**Part III** adds reducing the number of drug overdoses in the State to the objectives of syringe exchange programs and removes the restriction on the use of State funds to purchase needles, hypodermic syringes, or other injection supplies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act became effective July 22, 2019.

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