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Bill Analysis

SB 1346 authorizes any governmental or nongovernmental entity in the state to establish a syringe access program. The purpose of a syringe access program is to store and distribute hypodermic needles, syringes or other drug-related objects or drug use supplies for a legitimate public health purpose of preventing the spread of bloodborne infectious diseases, such as HIV and viral hepatitis. Such programs may provide educational instruction on overdose prevention, preventing the transmission of bloodborne diseases, treatment for mental illness, and drug abuse protection. The measure also modifies the definition of paraphernalia in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act to exclude syringes and certain other equipment used by a syringe access program.

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