

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB1615</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No Impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute for HB 1615, subjects violators of certain controlled dangerous substances laws, excluding marijuana offenses, to a misdemeanor if they are convicted, or receive a deferred or suspended sentence, and receive a second conviction within ten years. Such violators may also be required to complete a substance abuse evaluation and a drug diversion program for up to one year post-conviction. If a person is convicted of a third or subsequent violation, they may be required to complete a drug diversion program for up to three years in addition to the substance abuse evaluation. If a prosecution is refused by the State, a municipal court may enforce these provisions.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

In its current form, HB1615 creates misdemeanors and fines for violators of certain controlled dangerous substance laws. The measure also indicates that offenders may be required to complete a drug diversion program for certain violations. This measure does not mandate any action to any state agency, and is not expected to directly impact state revenues or state appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.