BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: HB 2584
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Impact: Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The proposed oversight committee substitute for HB 2584 authorizes physician assistants (PAs) with at least 6,240 hours of postgraduate clinical experience to practice independent of physician supervision. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision must maintain a public list of such PAs and provide a form for reporting hours, which can be submitted electronically at no cost. A PA may still choose to have a practice agreement with a physician. The board retains the authority to impose supervision as a disciplinary measure.

PAs practicing independently may prescribe supplies, services, and drugs, including Schedule III–V controlled substances. PAs practicing under a practice agreement may additionally prescribe Schedule II drugs with written protocol determined by the delegating physician.

The measure also expands the Physician Assistant Committee from seven to nine members, with five committee members being PAs. One of the PA members must be elected as the chair.

Additionally, the measure repeals the section of law prohibiting any PA from providing services without physician supervision.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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