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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6667

BILL NUMBER: SB 91

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 22, 2021

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment Pilot Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Tomes

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Frye R

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill extends the expiration date of the Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment Pilot Program for Veterans from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2025. It provides that certain: (1) billing documentation; or (2) attendance documentation; may be used to authenticate the receipt of hyperbaric oxygen treatments for the purpose of payment approval by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The bill removes a provision that requires the State Department of Health to request proposals concerning hyperbaric oxygen treatment from certain geographic areas of Indiana. It also specifies that a certain appropriation does not revert to the state General Fund until July 1, 2025.

Effective Date: Upon passage; June 29, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill requires proof of treatment to be provided as a condition of payment to medical facilities participating in the Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment Pilot Program (Pilot Program). This change will require the State Department of Health (ISDH) to change existing rules that govern the administration of the Pilot Program. The bill also relieves the ISDH of the requirement to request proposals on these treatments from across the state, which will reduce the overall workload associated with the program. These changes should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

This bill is also likely to increase participation in the program, which could potentially result in more rapid expenditure of the funds already allocated to the Pilot Program. There will be no increase in total expenditures related to the Pilot Program, to which \$1 M was appropriated during the FY 2018-FY 2019 biennium. Approximately \$728,000 of this appropriation remains, with approximately \$404,000 encumbered but unspent. Under this bill, these funds will remain available and will not revert to the General Fund until

July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Department of Health; Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Local Agencies Affected:

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