

HB 2797 -- FENTANYL TESTING STRIP PILOT PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Dogan

This bill provides that, subject to appropriations, the Department of Health and Senior Services shall establish a three-year pilot program for implementing and studying the efficacy and public health and public safety outcomes of the use of fentanyl testing strips by individuals addicted to opioids and other substances. The pilot program shall be a competitive grant process. The Department shall develop criteria for grant eligibility as described in the bill. The Department shall develop, make public, and update annually a list of laboratories offering quality test strips.

This bill creates the "Fentanyl Testing Strip Program Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated by the General Assembly and any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests. Upon appropriation, moneys in the Fund shall be used solely as provided for in the provisions of this bill.

The Department may promulgate rules and regulations for the pilot program, as described in the bill. The Department shall develop guidelines and an evaluation process for review of the pilot program. The Department shall report annually on the activities and status of the pilot program to the General Assembly.

This bill is the same as HB 2570 (2022).