

SB 254 -- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION IN SCHOOLS

SPONSOR: Engler (Tilley)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill prohibits persons under 21 years old from possessing or distributing a prescription medication on school property without a valid prescription. Possession of the medication is a class C misdemeanor; a second or subsequent offense is a class B misdemeanor. Distribution of the medication is a class B misdemeanor; a second or subsequent offense is a class A misdemeanor.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that drug use is down with all of the illegal drugs, but now there is a growing problem with teenagers using prescription medications. The bill will allow school officials to get these teenagers into the justice system, so that they can get some help.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Engler.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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