

HCS HB 1375 -- TREATMENT OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES
(Cooper)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Health Care Policy

This substitute allows physicians to use expedited partner therapy under certain conditions by dispensing and prescribing medications for partners of persons diagnosed with certain sexually transmitted diseases even when there is no existing physician/patient relationship only if the partner returns a medical history form to the physician. The physician must provide guidance on the preventative measures that can be taken to stop the spread of the disease. Immunity from civil liability is given to any licensed physician using expedited partner therapy unless the action is negligent, reckless, in bad faith, or malicious.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.