

HB 1626 -- TRICIA LEANN THARP ACT

SPONSOR: Morris (140)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by vote of 11 to 0.

This bill establishes the Tricia Leann Tharp Act and states that the Board of Pharmacy shall recommend two hours of continuing education in suicide awareness and prevention for all licensed pharmacists. The two hours of suicide awareness and prevention education would count towards the total continuing education requirement for license renewal for every pharmacist. The board is authorized to develop guidelines to establish the curriculum.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 329 (2017) and similar to HB 2697 (2016).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will allow pharmacists to take advantage of classes that are already available to help prevent suicide.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Morris.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.