

HB 1445 -- THE RX CARES FOR MISSOURI PROGRAM

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Currently, there is a program called the "RX Cares for Missouri Program". The Board of Pharmacy, within the Division of Professional Registration, in consultation with the Department of Mental Health, can allocate funds to public or private entities for relevant programs or education. However, funds cannot be used for state prescription drug monitoring programs. The Board, in consultation with the Department, manages the program and can also enter interagency agreements to assist in the program's management or operation. After the program's first year, the Board must submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly detailing the program's operation and fund allocation. The program is currently set to expire on August 28, 2026.

This bill removes that expiration date.