

RSD/CRPS PAIN SYNDROME WORK GROUP

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House Bill 5603 (Substitute H-1)

Sponsor: Rep. Virgil Smith

Committee: Health Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5603 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

House Bill 5603 would amend the Public Health Code to require the Department of Community Health to establish a Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy/Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (RSD/CRPS) Work Group composed of both public and private sector members, upon the appropriation of necessary funding to support the work group and education program.

The bill specifies that the RSD/CRPS Work Group, in consultation with health care providers and health-related organizations, would have to develop and coordinate an education program to promote public awareness of the causes of RSD/CRPS, and the value of early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of the disease. The program would have to include a public education and outreach campaign using written materials and brochures to promote awareness among consumers, health care providers, teachers, and human services providers, and to enable individuals to make informed decisions about their health. The written materials and brochures would include, but not be limited to, information regarding each of the following:

- The cause and nature of RSD/CRPS.
- Risk factors that contribute to the manifestation of RSD/CRPS,
- All available treatment options including the risks and benefits of each option.
- Environmental safety and injury prevention.
- Rest and use of appropriate body mechanics.
- Any other information relevant to RSD/CRPS.

The educational information would be made available through the Department of Community Health website or Health Promotions Clearinghouse hotline and, if sufficient funding is available, the educational materials and brochures would be distributed to local health departments, hospitals, and health care providers for distribution to the public.

The RSD/CRPS Work Group would also facilitate educational workshops open to the public. The workshops would include at least one physician presenter who was licensed under Article 15 and who was knowledgeable about RSD/CRPS.

The bill specifies that the department could accept and use federal or state funds, or other public or private grants, gifts, donations, or appropriations to carry out the purposes of

the legislation, including, but not limited to, promoting research to accurately identify, diagnose, and treat the disease.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in process.

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