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Senate Bill 139

(Senators Conway and Miller)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Appropriations

**Higher Education - Heroin and Opioid Addiction and Prevention Policies -
Exceptions and Revisions**

This bill exempts the University of Maryland, University College (UMUC), the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES), and off-campus nonresidential locations of institutions of higher education from specified requirements related to policies on heroin and opioid addiction and prevention. UMUC, UMCES, and off-campus nonresidential locations must instead provide *all* students, as opposed to only *incoming part-time* students under current law, with educational resources on heroin and opioid addiction and prevention. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Higher education expenditures are not materially affected. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: Community college expenditures are not materially affected. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: Chapters 573 and 574 of 2017, as part of a broader set of requirements related to heroin and opioid addiction and prevention, required each institution of higher education that receives State operating or capital funding, which includes community colleges and State-aided independent institutions, to establish a policy on heroin and opioid addiction and prevention and report annually to the Maryland Higher

Education Commission (MHEC). There were several exclusions, which are further expanded by the bill, as summarized in **Exhibit 1**. The policy requirements took effect July 1, 2017.

Exhibit 1
Exemptions from Policy on Heroin and Opioid Addiction and Prevention
Current Law vs. the Bill

Policy Requirements	Exemptions	
	Current Law	The Bill
Each institution must require incoming full-time students to participate in in-person awareness training, unless in-person training is impracticable, in which case such training must be conducted electronically.	UMUC, UMCES, off-campus locations	UMUC, UMCES, off-campus nonresidential locations
Each institution must provide <i>incoming part-time</i> students with educational resources on heroin and opioid addiction and prevention.	None	UMUC, UMCES, off-campus nonresidential locations
Each institution must obtain and store naloxone or another overdose-reversing medication.	UMUC, UMCES, off-campus locations	UMUC, UMCES, off-campus nonresidential locations
Each institution must provide training for campus police or other designated personnel on symptom recognition, medication administration procedures, and follow-up emergency procedures.	None	UMUC, UMCES, off-campus nonresidential locations
By October 1 each year, each institution must report to MHEC on each incident at the institution that required the use of naloxone or other overdose-reversing medication.	None	UMUC, UMCES, off-campus nonresidential locations

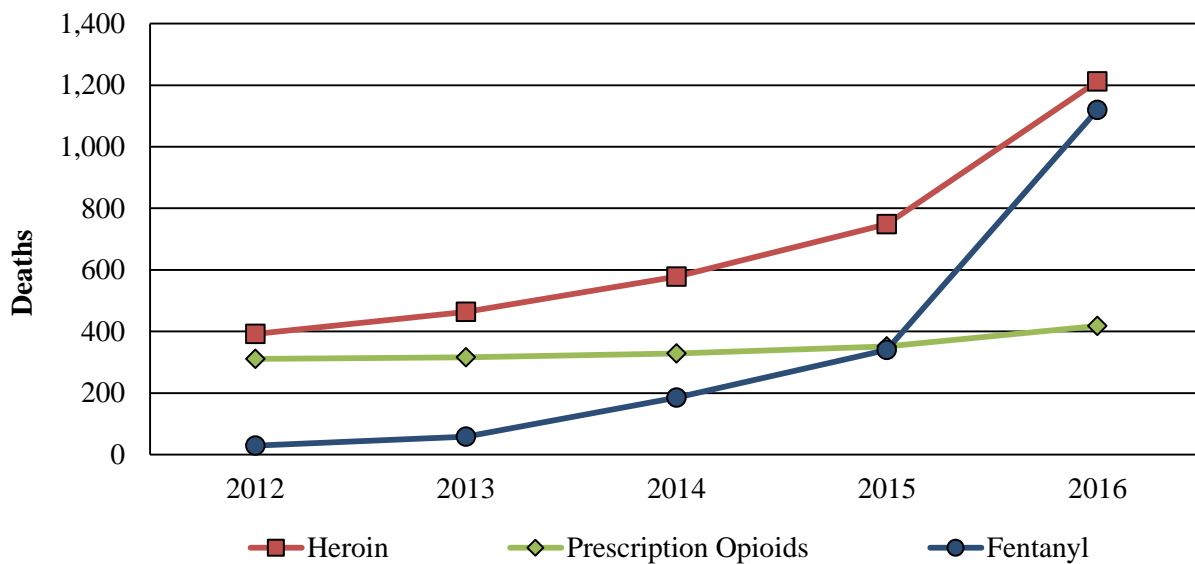
Note: Under the bill, UMUC, UMCES, and off-campus nonresidential locations of institutions of higher education must provide *all* students with educational resources on heroin and opioid addiction and prevention.

UMUC: University of Maryland, University College
 UMCES: University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

Source: Department of Legislative Services

Background: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 91 Americans die every day from opioid overdoses. In Maryland, the rate of opioid-related deaths continues to rise at an alarming rate. As seen in **Exhibit 2**, between 2015 and 2016, prescription opioid-related deaths increased by 19% (from 351 to 418), heroin-related deaths increased by 62% (from 748 to 1,212), and fentanyl-related deaths increased by 229% (from 340 to 1,119).

Exhibit 2
Total Number of Drug-related Intoxication Deaths
By Selected Substances in Maryland
2012-2016



Source: Maryland Department of Health

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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