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### Overview

This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to establish opioid abuse prevention pilot projects. The bill requires the commissioner to contract with an accountable community for health to provide administrative and technical assistance, and to evaluate the pilot projects.

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- 1**      **Opioid abuse prevention.** (a) Requires the commissioner of health to establish opioid abuse prevention pilot projects in geographic areas throughout the state, to reduce opioid abuse through the use of controlled substance care teams and community-wide coordination of abuse-prevention initiatives. Allows the commissioner to award grants to health care providers, health plan companies, local units of government, or other entities.
- (b) Provides that each pilot project must:
- (1) be designed to reduce emergency room use and health care provider visits resulting from opioid use or abuse, and reduce rates of opioid addiction;
  - (2) establish multidisciplinary controlled substance care teams;
  - (3) deliver health care services and care coordination, through controlled substance care teams, to reduce the inappropriate use of opioids and rates of opioid addiction;
  - (4) address unmet social service needs that create barriers to managing pain and obtaining optimal health outcomes;

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- (5) provide prescriber and dispenser education and assistance to reduce the inappropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids;
- (6) promote best practices for opioid disposal and reducing illegal access to opioids; and
- (7) engage partners outside of the health care system, to address root causes of opioid abuse and addiction at the community level.

(c) Requires the commissioner to contract with an accountable community for health that operates an opioid abuse prevention project and can document reductions in opioid use through the use of controlled substance care teams, to assist the commissioner in administering this section and to provide technical assistance to the commissioner and entities selected to operate a pilot project.

(d) Requires the accountable community for health under contract to evaluate the extent to which pilot projects were successful in reducing the inappropriate use of opioids. Specifies requirements for the evaluation and requires results to be reported to the chair and ranking minority members of specified legislative committees by December 15, 2019.

- 2 Appropriation.** Appropriates money for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, from the general fund to the commissioner of health to implement opioid abuse prevention pilot projects and to contract with an accountable community for health for assistance and an evaluation of the projects.