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### Overview

This bill establishes a grant program to support prescribers and dispensers in implementing and using electronic prescribing for controlled substances. The bill also directs the commissioner of health to provide technical assistance and education to prescribers and dispensers regarding electronic prescribing for controlled substances.

#### Section

- 1 Grant program to support implementation and use of e-prescribing for controlled substances.** Adds subd. 6 to § 62J.497. Directs the commissioner of health to award grants to fund services to support prescribers and dispensers in implementing and using electronic prescribing (e-prescribing) for controlled substances. Establishes a procedure for awarding grants, and specifies what the commissioner must consider in evaluating applications. Requires the commissioner to evaluate the effectiveness of the grant program in increasing the use of e-prescribing for controlled substances, and requires the commissioner to provide annual updates to the legislature on its effectiveness.
- 2 Technical assistance and education to support implementation and use of e-prescribing for controlled substances.** Adds subd. 7 to § 62J.497. Directs the commissioner of health to provide statewide technical assistance and education to prescribers and dispensers regarding the use of e-prescribing for controlled substances. Lists what the technical assistance and education must address, and requires the commissioner to provide annual updates to the legislature on the technical assistance and education provided under this subdivision.