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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6244

BILL NUMBER: SB 45

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 15, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Coverage for Smoking Cessation Drugs.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lanane

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a state employee health benefit plan, a policy of accident and sickness insurance, and a health maintenance organization contract that provides coverage for prescription drugs to provide coverage for smoking cessation drugs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: According to the State Personnel Department, the health insurance plans offered to state employees cover prescription smoking cessation medications without limitation for the regular plan copay. In compliance with federal healthcare reform, beginning January of 2011, these benefits will be expanded to allow over-the-counter smoking cessation products in addition to prescription products. All smoking cessation products will be available to health insurance plan members for a \$0 copay.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local government groups enrolled in the Local Unit Government Employees (LUG) health plans are not expected to experience increased costs as smoking cessation drugs will be provided in their current plans.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: All.

Local Agencies Affected: Local governments and school corporations.

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