



September 19, 2023

Honorable Michelle Au State Representative 611G Coverdell Legislative Office Building Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note

House Bill (LC 52 0165)

## Dear Representative Au:

This bill would establish the "Urgent Insulin Safety Net Program," requiring pharmacies to provide 30-day insulin supplies to eligible individuals for a copayment of up to \$35.00 and to submit reimbursement claims to manufacturers. To support the program, the Department of Community Health (DCH) would manage administrative responsibilities such as developing and posting an application form, information sheet, satisfaction surveys on their website—some of which would require coordination with the State Board of Pharmacy. Additionally, DCH would submit annual reports on the effectiveness of program implementation to the General Assembly and assess administrative penalties on noncompliant manufacturers.

DCH would require an additional employee to help with the creation of forms and surveys, as well as general support to administer this new benefit program for the uninsured (of which most are typically taken on by the Department of Public Health). Estimated costs incurred by the bill are reflected in Table 1 below.

## **Table 1. Estimated DCH Costs**

	<b>Positions Needed</b>	Salary	<b>Total Cost</b>
Program Analyst	1	\$50,789	\$84,818

The State Board of Pharmacy does not expect the bill to result in any additional costs.

Respectfully,

Greg S. Griffin State Auditor Richard Dunn, Director Office of Planning and Budget

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