**BILL ANALYSIS**

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|  | Health & Human Services |
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|  | Committee Report (Substituted) |

**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Opioid antagonists are medications used to block the effects of opioids such as heroin and fentanyl and are effective for preventing overdose deaths. Current law requires the operation of a program to provide opioid antagonists for the prevention of opioid overdoses. Under that program, opioid antagonists may be provided to emergency medical services personnel, first responders, public schools, institutions of higher education (IHEs), community centers, and other persons likely to be in a position to respond to an opioid overdose.

H.B. 4783 would require a biennial report by the Health and Human Services Commission, prepared in coordination with other applicable state agencies, on opioid antagonist programs for opioid overdose reversal and prevention, which must:

* include a needs assessment for the opioid antagonist programs established by state agencies and IHEs;
* establish statewide saturation goal for opioid antagonists;
* describe all state and federal funds appropriated to governmental opioid antagonist programs;
* establish state opioid antagonist distribution strategies;
* provide all purchase and distribution programs for opioid antagonists using state and federal funds; and
* recommend improvements for addressing opioid overdoses among high-risk populations.

Committee Substitute:

Clarifies that within the report:

* The needs assessment will apply to the opioid antagonist programs established at state agencies and higher education institutions; and
* It will describe all state and federal funds that have been appropriated to governmental opioid antagonist programs, instead of only certain programs.

C.S.H.B. 4783 amends current law relating to a report on governmental opioid antagonist programs to reverse and prevent opioid overdoses.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 461A, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 461A.060, as follows:

Sec. 461A.060. BIENNIAL REPORT ON OPIOID ANTAGONIST PROGRAMS FOR OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL AND PREVENTION. (a) Defines "opioid antagonist."

(b) Requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year, to prepare a report evaluating the distribution of opioid antagonists in this state to reverse and prevent opioid overdoses and submit the report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) Requires that the report described by Subsection (b):

(1) include a needs assessment for the opioid antagonist programs established by state agencies and institutions of higher education;

(2) establish a statewide saturation goal for opioid antagonists and include a description of the data sources and methodology used to estimate insufficiencies in the current supply of opioid antagonists and a communications plan to address opioid overdoses in areas of this state at higher risk for increased numbers of overdoses;

(3) include a description of all state and federal money appropriated to governmental opioid antagonist programs;

(4) establish opioid antagonist distribution strategies for this state;

(5) list and describe all available state and federally funded purchase and distribution programs for opioid antagonists; and

(6) recommend improvements for addressing opioid overdoses among high-risk populations, including school-aged children, pregnant and postpartum women, and individuals residing in rural areas of this state.

(d) Requires HHSC, in preparing the report under this section, to coordinate and consult with each state agency and institution of higher education that receives funding or other resources for the distribution of opioid antagonists.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2025.