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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON PAIN AND
ADDICTION MEDICINE EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the nation and Tennessee, in particular, are struggling with a prescription drug abuse epidemic; and

WHEREAS, through Tennessee's Prescription for Success strategic plan, the State has made great strides in reducing doctor shopping, increasing the availability of naloxone, creating Chronic Pain Guidelines for prescribers, and establishing the Controlled Substance Monitoring Database; and

WHEREAS, despite this progress, the Tennessee Department of Health reported that 1,631 Tennesseans died from drug overdoses in 2016, the highest annual number of such deaths recorded in state history, and of those deaths, 1,186 were opioid-related; and

WHEREAS, last year, Tennesseans received more than 7.6 million opioid prescriptions for pain, which is greater than the number of individuals living in the state; and

WHEREAS, medical educational institutions have a responsibility to educate future prescribers regarding how to effectively and safely prescribe opioids to patients, detect opioid misuse and abuse, and serve or treat patients suffering from addiction; and

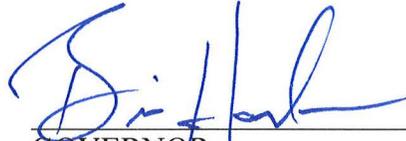
WHEREAS, encouraging medical educational institutions in the state to collaborate on prescribing practices will ensure that prescribers receive the training necessary to help combat the prescription drug abuse epidemic in this state.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and applicable law, do hereby direct and order the following:

1. The Tennessee Commission on Pain and Addiction Medicine Education (“Commission”) is hereby established. The Commission is established for the purpose of, and is charged with, developing competencies for Tennessee’s medical educational institutions to address proper treatment for pain, safe and effective prescribing practices, and proper diagnoses and treatment for individuals abusing or misusing controlled substances.
2. The Commission shall consist of nineteen (19) members, appointed by the Governor. The Commission shall include representation from the state’s public and private medical educational institutions, the Tennessee Department of Health, a broad group of professional associations, and licensed healthcare practitioners.
3. Appointments to the Commission shall take into consideration diversity.
4. The Governor shall appoint a chair of the Commission.
5. The Commission shall develop competencies for current and future curricula so that future prescribers receive instruction and training regarding, at a minimum:
 - a. Effective treatment for acute and chronic pain, including alternatives to opioids to manage pain;
 - b. The potential risks and effects of using opioids to treat pain, including physical dependency and addiction, and effective discontinuation of opioids;
 - c. Proper identification of and treatment for patients demonstrating misuse or abuse of opioids; and
 - d. Utilization of the Controlled Substance Monitoring Database.
6. The Commission shall create competencies for best-in-class training and competencies for pain management for Tennessee’s future doctors, nurses, dentists, and other prescribers that shall be available for adoption by Tennessee’s medical educational institutions.
7. The Commission shall create a report on its work to be delivered to the Governor no later than July 31, 2018.
8. The Commission shall be attached to the Tennessee Department of Health for administrative purposes, and the Department shall maintain all records of the Commission.
9. Members of the Commission shall sign an appropriate conflict of interest statement.
10. All executive branch departments, agencies, boards and commissions, and any other divisions of state government shall fully cooperate with the Commission in carrying out this Executive Order and shall provide staff support and any other assistance as reasonably requested.

11. Members of the Commission shall not receive any compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for their official travel expenses pursuant to policies and guidelines promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration.
12. The Commission shall terminate upon the submission of the report to the Governor pursuant to Paragraph 7.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 22nd day of January, 2018.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

