155A.39 Program to monitor impaired pharmacists, pharmacist-interns, or pharmacy technicians — immunity and funding.

- 1. The board may establish a review committee and may implement a program to monitor impaired pharmacists, pharmacist-interns, and pharmacy technicians pursuant to section 272C.3, subsection 1, paragraph "k".
- 2. An employee or a member of the board, a review committee member, or any other person who furnishes information, data, reports, or records in good faith for the purpose of aiding an impaired pharmacist, pharmacist-intern, or pharmacy technician, shall be immune from civil liability. This immunity from civil liability shall be liberally construed to accomplish the purpose of this section and is in addition to other immunity provided by law.
- 3. An employee or member of the board or a review committee member is presumed to have acted in good faith. A person alleging a lack of good faith has the burden of proof on that issue.
- 4. The board may add a surcharge of not more than ten percent of the applicable fee to a pharmacist license fee, pharmacist license renewal fee, pharmacist-intern registration fee, pharmacy technician registration fee, or pharmacy technician registration renewal fee authorized under this chapter to fund a program to monitor impaired pharmacists, pharmacist-interns, or pharmacy technicians.
- 5. The board may accept, transfer, and expend funds made available by the federal or state government or by another public or private source to be used in a program authorized by this section.
- 6. Funds and surcharges collected under this section shall be deposited in an account and may be used by the board to administer a program authorized by this section, but shall not be used for costs incurred for a participant's initial evaluation, referral services, treatment, or rehabilitation subsequent to intervention.
- 7. The board may disclose that the license of a pharmacist, the registration of a pharmacist-intern, or the registration of a pharmacy technician who is the subject of an order of the board that is confidential pursuant to section 272C.6 is suspended, revoked, canceled, restricted, or retired; or that the pharmacist, pharmacist-intern, or pharmacy technician is in any manner otherwise limited in the practice of pharmacy; or other relevant information pertaining to the pharmacist, pharmacist-intern, or pharmacy technician which the board deems appropriate.
 - 8. The board may adopt rules necessary for the implementation of this section. 97 Acts, ch 39, §5; 2017 Acts, ch 93, §3 Section amended