

**House Study Bill 519 - Introduced**

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON BAUDLER)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the real-time transmittal of information to  
2 the prescription monitoring program by licensed pharmacies  
3 and including effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 124.550, Code 2018, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. "*Real-time*" refers to a computer system  
4 that updates information at the same rate as it receives  
5 information.

6 Sec. 2. Section 124.551, subsection 3, Code 2018, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 3. The board shall implement technological improvements  
9 to facilitate secure access to the program through electronic  
10 health and pharmacy information systems. The board shall  
11 ensure that information submitted to the program pursuant to  
12 section 124.552, subsection 1, can be submitted and displayed  
13 in real time. The board shall collect, store, and disseminate  
14 program information consistent with security criteria  
15 established by rule, including use of appropriate encryption or  
16 other industry-recognized security technology.

17 Sec. 3. Section 124.552, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2018, are  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 2. Information shall be submitted electronically in real  
20 time in a secure format specified by the board unless the board  
21 has granted a waiver and approved an alternate secure format.

22 3. Information shall be timely transmitted in real time  
23 as designated by the board and advisory council by rule,  
24 unless the board grants an extension. The board may grant an  
25 extension if either of the following occurs:

26 a. The pharmacy suffers a mechanical or electronic failure,  
27 or cannot meet the deadline established by the board for other  
28 reasons beyond the pharmacy's control.

29 b. The board is unable to receive electronic submissions.

30 Sec. 4. Section 124.554, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code  
31 2018, is amended to read as follows:

32 b. An electronic real-time format for the submission of  
33 information from pharmacies.

34 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 2019.

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EXPLANATION

1           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
2           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3       This bill requires the board of pharmacy to implement a  
4 real-time reporting function for the information program for  
5 drug prescribing and dispensing by January 1, 2019. The  
6 bill also requires licensed pharmacies that dispense certain  
7 controlled substances to transmit information about dispensed  
8 prescriptions to the program in real-time by January 1, 2019.