

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

HB 743 — Nonopioid Alternatives

by Rep. Plakon (SB 1080 by Senators Perry and Baxley)

The bill amends provisions in s. 456.44, F.S., related to the requirement for a health care practitioner to provide a patient with nonopioid alternatives before treating the patient with opioid drugs that are listed as Schedule II controlled substances. The bill provides an exception to the requirement to provide nonopioid alternatives when treating a patient in an emergency room, a critical care unit, or when the patient is receiving hospice services; eliminates the requirement to provide such alternatives when dispensing or administering Schedule II opioids; and allows information on the nonopioid alternatives to be provided to the patient's representative in addition to the patient directly.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-0