



TO: The Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania Senate
FROM: Alex Halper, Director, Government Affairs
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RE: Support S.B. 147 – Prescription drug addiction education

On behalf of the PA Chamber I urge support for S.B. 147, which the Senate may consider this week, to help encourage prescription drug addiction education and awareness within the workforce.

Employers currently have the option to qualify for discounted workers' compensation insurance rates by forming certified safety committees, which are required to educate employees on various aspects of workplace safety. This legislation would ensure committees are including prescription drug abuse and opioid addiction awareness and education among their areas of focus.

We appreciate amendments adopted, or expected to be incorporated, into the bill – including directing the PA Department of Labor & Industry to notify employers of the new requirement and make resources available to help committees comply.

We urge you to support this bill. Please contact Alex Halper at ahalper@pachamber.org or 717-645-8730 with questions or to discuss.