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Check the Facts: Combatting Drug Abuse

- **Enacted HB 64** Operating Budget allocated \$11 million over the biennium to expand the creation of the Mediation Assisted Treatment (MAT) drug court program.
- **Enacted HB 4:** Expands access to naloxone, an overdose-reversal drug. Allows pharmacists to provide naloxone without a prescription. The 2016-17 state budget included \$1 million for first responders to obtain naloxone through local health departments. Currently 1000 pharmacies in 79 counties offer naloxone without a prescription.
- **Enacted HB 110** “The Good Samaritan Law” (cop-sponsor) Provides immunity from arrest for a minor drug possession offense to a person who seeks medical help for a drug overdose being experienced by that person or another, or who is the subject of another person seeking or obtaining medical assistance for a drug overdose, if ALL of the following apply: The evidence of the violation came from seeking medical help; Within 30 days after seeking or obtaining the medical assistance, the person seeks and obtains a screening and receives a referral for treatment from a community addiction services provider or a credentialed addiction treatment professional; and the person who obtains the screening and receives the referral submits documentation to any prosecuting attorney, upon request, verifying that the person satisfied those requirements.
- **Enacted HB 110** (co-sponsor) requires disclosure of naloxone administration to law enforcement agency. The act requires a specified first responder to disclose, upon request of a law enforcement agency as described below, the name and address, if known, of an individual to whom the first responder administered naloxone due to an actual or suspected drug overdose, unless the first responder reasonably believes that the law enforcement agency making the request does not have jurisdiction over the place where the naloxone was administered. A law enforcement agency may request a name and address of an individual for the purposes of investigation or treatment referral and may use a name and address received under the provision for either or both of those purposes.
- **HB 197** (Pending in Senate) Requires individuals to be 18 or older to purchase cough syrups that contain dextromethorphan. Protects unassuming youth from experimenting with a drug that they do not fully understand the danger of, and that can serve as a gateway to even more harmful substances.