



A sharps waste collection station may be located at the following locations:

- Hospital;
- Ambulatory surgical treatment center;
- Physician's office;
- Clinic, or other setting where a physician provides care;
- Pharmacy;
- Any government office where hypodermic, intravenous, or other medical needles or sharps are used or provided in the course of the official duties of the office.

**HB 160 SCS retains the major provisions of the measure as introduced and makes the following changes in the bill:**

Limits local health departments that operate a substance abuse treatment outreach program to exchange hypodermic needles and syringes **only on a one-for-one basis**.

### **Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost**

**The fiscal impact of HB 160 SCS on local governments is expected to be nil.**

The Department of Public Health within the Cabinet of Health and Family Services is charged with developing and distributing educational material. No cost to local government.

Waste collection receptacles are most likely already located at the locations listed in the proposal.

A portion of these needles are actually donated by various drug outreach programs and AIDS charities. However, this may not preclude the need for purchasing needles if the need is there.

There may be concern resulting from the one-for-one limitation regarding public health. The possibility exist, however small, of an increase of needles being discarded in parks and in public areas, an obvious health hazard to citizens and employees.

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