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Fiscal Note

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H.577 – An act relating to establishing the Vermont Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

As recommended by the House Committee on Ways and Means, Draft 2.3¹

Bill Summary

The bill would establish the Vermont Prescription Drug Discount Care Program which would be administered by the Office of the State Treasurer for the purpose of pooling prescription drug purchasing power with other U.S. states and territories and nongovernmental organizations. The program would be available to all Vermont residents and would require any amounts paid for prescriptions using the discount card to be attributed toward a covered individual's deductible and out-of-pocket responsibilities.

The bill as amended by the House Committee on Ways and Means removed language establishing the Vermont Prescription Drug Discount Care Program Fund and instead allowed funds received by the State related to the Program to be deposited into an existing fund administered by the Treasurer, changing its name from the Financial Literacy Trust Fund to the Financial Literacy and Economic Empowerment Trust Fund. The Committee also removed language that would have allowed the Treasurer to determine and charge fees to defray program costs, instead allowing the Treasurer to use the Financial Literacy and Economic Empowerment Trust Fund for that purpose.

Background and Details

ArrayRx is a multistate collaborative that provides prescription drug programs – including discount cards and pharmacy benefit management – to states, public employers, and other participating groups. Originally formed through a partnership between Washington and Oregon, the program has expanded to Connecticut, Nevada, and Arizona, covers over 550,000 lives, and is accepted at more than 65,000 pharmacies nationwide.²

ArrayRx would manage the administrative responsibilities of distributing discount cards and providing customer service, while the Office of the Treasurer would market the program.³ ArrayRx would collect a small transaction fee each time a discount card is used. A portion of the fee would be used to cover transaction costs, while the remainder would go to the State for administrative and marketing purposes.

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² More information about ArrayRx can be found on the ArrayRx [website](#).

³ [Presentation](#) by the Office of the State Treasurer, January 15, 2026

Fiscal Impacts

- Sec. 5 of the underlying bill would appropriate \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Office of the State Treasurer for the costs of developing and implementing the Program.

ⁱ The full fiscal note history is available on the fiscal tab of the bill page on the General Assembly website and can be pulled up through a bill number search on the JFO page.