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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 9, 2026

Subject: Bill Brief on Senate Bill 448

Senate Bill 448 would authorize the use of expedited partner therapy to treat a sexually transmitted disease.

The bill creates a new section of law. Subsection (a) defines terms used in the bill, including healthcare provider, which would include a physician, advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant.

Subsection (b) authorizes a healthcare provider who diagnoses a patient with a sexually transmitted disease may prescribe administer or dispense antimicrobial drugs to a sexual partner of their patient if, in the healthcare provider's professional judgment, the patient's sexual partner is unlikely or unable to be present for examination, testing and treatment.

The healthcare provider would be required to provide counseling to the patient to give to the patient's sexual partner and could only provide expedited partner therapy to a patient's sexual partner exposed in the previous 60 days and who can be identified and contacted by the patient.

The department would be required to include certain information in the written materials to be provided for distribution and the secretary would be authorized to adopt rules and regulations to implement the section.

The bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2026.