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Opioid council considers court fees, immunity

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MONTGOMERY — Alabama should offer immunity to drug users who report a friend's overdose, raise court fees to pay for opioid-related costs and distribute anti-overdose drugs to more people, members of a state task force on opioids said Tuesday.

Gov. Kay Ivey tasked the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council earlier this year with coming up with solutions to the state's opioid crisis. The panel is supposed to suggest new legislation by the end of the year, but lawmakers are already concerned about the cost of some proposals, such as the plan to distribute anti-overdose drugs.

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