

DMHMRSAS Information for

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB8

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. **Patron** Hamilton

3. **Committee** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title** Inspector General for DMHMRSAS

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The introduced version of this bill enables the Inspector General (IG) to submit reports directly to the Governor and General Assembly without preliminary clearances or approvals by the Office of the Attorney General. The engrossed version adds a section that, in addition to current statute requirements for semiannual and other investigative reports, annual reports by the IG are also required on general conditions, staffing patterns and access to active and contemporary treatment at facilities operated by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS). These annual reports are to include DMHMRSAS' written comments on recommendations made by the IG.

6. **No Fiscal Impact.**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications :** Overtime, current practice has evolved such that DMHMRSAS spends considerable staff time in reviewing and follow-up of these semiannual and other investigative reports developed by the Office of the IG in meeting its existing reporting requirements. With the additional annual reporting requirement, anticipated DMHMRSAS staff time devoted to review of the IG reports will continue to rise. Given the increase in workload that has developed for the existing IG reporting requirements, future additional staff resources will need to be assessed to determine the workload requirements to ensure timely response to new IG reports. At this time, however, review and response to the additional IG reports will be absorbed with current staff resources.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Office of the Inspector General.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None.

Date: 2/22/02/jlv

Document: G:\02-04\EFIS02\HB8ER.Doc Janet Vogelgesang

cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources