

Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1458

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Cline

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Employee background checks in mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse programs.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill permits providers of mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services to hire for compensated employment a person who has been convicted of a crime listed in subsection A, not involving a violent felony, who has had his civil rights and voting rights restored by the Governor, provided 30 years have elapsed following the conviction.

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill provides an exception to the list of “barrier crimes” to allow community services boards, behavioral health authorities, and agencies licensed by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to hire individuals convicted of a crime but not involved in a violent felony who have had their civil rights and voting rights restored and 30 years have elapsed following the conviction. Current statute indicates that the costs for obtaining a criminal records check and a search of the Department of Social Services’ child abuse and neglect registry (Central Registry) for each applicant is to be paid by the applicant or the hiring entity. There is no projected cost increase anticipated with this bill.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; Community Services Boards.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: No.

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