

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB67

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Martin

**3. Committee**    Commerce and Labor

**4. Title**            Health insurance; state health care plan; mental health coverage.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Health insurance; state health care plan; mental health coverage. Repeals the sunset clause, i.e., the July 1, 2004, expiration, for the provisions requiring the state employees health plan and many private health insurance benefit programs to provide coverage for biologically based mental illnesses on the same basis as other illnesses, conditions or disorders for purposes of determining deductibles, benefit year or lifetime durational limits, benefit year or lifetime dollar limits, lifetime episodes or treatment limits, copayment and coinsurance factors, and benefit year maximums for deductibles and copayment and coinsurance factors.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** N/A

**8. Fiscal implications:** The state employee health plan included parity provisions prior to the enactment of parity legislation, so the repeal of the sunset clause will have no impact on the program. The Department of Medical Assistance Services has indicated that this legislation will have no fiscal impact on the programs they administer.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** This bill applies to all political subdivisions that provide health insurance to their employees.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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