

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB353

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

2. Patron Hamilton

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Mental health; transportation of individuals to be admitted.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill requires that any individual certified for admission to a mental health facility, or being transported due to an emergency custody order or a temporary detention order, be transported by the sheriff's office of the appropriate jurisdiction. Repeals section allowing any judge or special justice to order a person admitted to a mental health facility to be placed in the custody of any responsible person, including a representative of the facility in which the person is temporarily placed during the temporary detention period, for the sole purpose of transporting the person to the proper facility.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2005-06	-	-	-
2006-07	\$1,305,234	-	GF
2007-08	\$1,305,234	-	GF
2008-09	\$1,305,234	-	GF
2009-10	\$1,305,234	-	GF
2010-11	\$1,305,234	-	GF
2011-12	\$1,305,235	-	GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes

8. Fiscal implications: While this bill will have no direct impact on the budget of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS), the local sheriff's offices will incur additional responsibilities and costs. Local sheriff's estimate that the current cost of transporting individuals to mental health facilities is approximately \$1.3 million per year for in-jurisdiction and outside-jurisdiction transports. Based on DMHMRSAS admissions data, the Compensation Board estimates that the number of individuals to be transported by local sheriffs will double, as will the cost.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, local sheriffs, local jails

10. Technical amendment necessary:

11. Other comments:

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