

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB939

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

2. Patron: Gilbert

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Involuntary commitment; transfer to outpatient treatment.

5. Summary: Involuntary commitment; transfer to outpatient treatment. Provides that the person subject to an involuntary commitment order may petition the judge or special justice to order that he be transferred to involuntary outpatient treatment or released. Upon consideration of the petition, the judge or special justice may hold a commitment hearing within 10 days. Only one such petition may be filed during each involuntary commitment hearing.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would give a person involuntarily committed to inpatient care the right to petition for a transfer to outpatient treatment or release after 30 days of commitment. It is anticipated that this language could result in additional costs associated with an increase in Community Services Board involvement, independent evaluations and Court time. Although it is generally perceived that this would apply to relatively few individuals, there is no information available to quantify the number of petitions that may result from this.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: DMHMRSAS, Community Services Boards, Courts

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources