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## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1609ER

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

**2. Patron:** Hugo

**3. Committee:** Passed both Houses

**4. Title:** Higher education; mental health treatment coordination.

**5. Summary:** The governing board of each four year public institution of higher education may establish a written memorandum of understanding with their local community services board or behavioral health authority, local hospitals, and other local mental health facilities in order to expand the scope of care for current students. Each public four year institution of higher education shall designate a contact person to be notified when a student is involuntarily committed, or when a student is discharged from a facility and he consents to such notification. Each memorandum shall include the institution of higher education in the post-discharge planning of a student who has been committed, to the extent allowable under state and federal privacy laws.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final, see item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Because the requirements of this legislation are voluntary, there may not be any fiscal impact to institutions if they choose not to institute action related to this legislation. It should be noted, though that most four year public colleges and universities have on staff, counselors and therapists, and the ability to make arrangements with local mental health providers to expand the scope of care of current students, should they be identified to the college or university and not be able to provide that care. It is assumed there would be negligible costs to establish the memorandums of understanding. Since all mental health commitments, either voluntary or involuntary, are subject to strict privacy laws, the college or university's ability to follow up with any student and their post-discharge planning or future intervention would be difficult to determine.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All state colleges and universities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** The companion bill is SB1342ER.