

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1221

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

2. Patron: McWaters

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Reporting requirements for health care institutions and assisted living facilities.

5. Summary: Health care institutions; assisted living facilities; reporting requirements. Requires the chief executive, chief of staff, or administrator of a hospital, other health care institution, or assisted living facility who becomes aware of information indicating that a health care professional is in need of treatment or has been committed or admitted as a patient for the treatment of substance abuse or psychiatric illness to determine that the health care professional is a danger to himself, his patients, or others before reporting such information to the Department of Health Professions. Current law requires reporting such information to the Department if the substance abuse or psychiatric illness may render the health professional a danger.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. Because a reporter under this protocol must determine, rather than merely suspect as under current law, that a health professional is a danger, this could result in fewer reports from mandated reporters such as hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living. The agency has stated that this bill will not impact agency operations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes.

11. Other Comments: None.