

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 425

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

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Passed both houses.

4. Title: Higher education; student mental health policies.

5. Summary: Specifies that the contact person designated by a memorandum of understanding between a public four-year institution of higher education and a mental health care provider to be notified when a student is involuntarily committed, or when a student is discharged from a facility and consents to such notification, shall be notified only to the extent allowable under state and federal privacy laws.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact: Final. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Institutions of higher education are currently required to have memoranda of understanding with local community services boards or mental health facilities to provide services to students seeking treatment. Adding the requirement that information can only be shared to the extent allowable under state and federal privacy laws could be done at no additional cost within the existing framework.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Public four-year institutions of higher education, local community services boards, behavioral health authorities, hospitals, mental health facilities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.