

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1550

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: Farrell

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Study; Depts of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and Medical Assistance Services.

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, in cooperation with the Department of Medical Assistance Services, to study the use of the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund, including (i) the potential use of the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund to fund both involuntary temporary detention and voluntary treatment in a health care facility for the treatment of mental illness to reduce the use of involuntary treatment in the Commonwealth, (ii) the potential benefits of transferring management of the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund from the Department of Medical Assistance Services to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and (iii) any other strategies for improving use of the funds in the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund to improve access to mental health services in the Commonwealth. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall report its findings to the Joint Subcommittee Studying Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century by November 1, 2017.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This study required by this bill will require staff time from both the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of Medical Assistance Services to complete, however it is anticipated that the study and report can be completed without additional resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; Department of Medical Assistance Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to SB1007.