

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1551

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: Farrell

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Commitment hearings; sharing of records and information

5. Summary: This bill provides that records and information related to proceedings, hearings, and orders for involuntary commitment in the possession of the court, including identifiable information, shall be transmitted to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHS) upon request for the purpose of enabling the department and its agents to maintain statistical archives and merge the data with other records and information in the department's statistical archives; conduct research on the characteristics and outcomes of proceedings, hearings, and orders; and otherwise carry out its responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of Title 37.2 (Behavioral Health and Developmental Services). The bill requires the Department to take all necessary steps to protect the security and privacy of the records and information provided pursuant to the provisions of the bill in accordance with the requirements of state and federal law and regulations.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final

8. Fiscal Implications: Because the amended bill limits the sharing of records to electronic data to be shared by the Office of the Executive Secretary, it is assumed that any additional staff resources required to comply with the legislation can be absorbed in existing appropriations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Supreme Court of Virginia

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: This bill is a companion to SB1006.