

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 1777

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Stolle

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Hospitals providing psychiatric services; denials of admission.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Board of Health to promulgate regulations that require each hospital that provides psychiatric services to establish a protocol that (i) requires, prior to refusing the admission of a medically stable patient referred to its psychiatric unit, direct verbal communication between the on-call physician in the psychiatric unit and the referring physician and (ii) prohibits on-call physicians or other hospital staff from refusing a request for such direct verbal communication by a referring physician.

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

**7. No Fiscal Impact.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. While the bill would require the agency to promulgate regulations, the additional workload can be absorbed by the agency.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.