

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2258

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: Filler-Corn, Eileen

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Suicide; task force to raise public awareness, etc

5. Summary: The proposed legislation directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, together with the Secretary of Public Safety, to convene a task force to raise public awareness of suicide and increase suicide prevention education. In addition, the task force is required to (i) develop and disseminate online training on suicide awareness and suicide prevention strategies to firearm dealers and sport shooting ranges, (ii) develop written materials that provide information related to suicide awareness and suicide prevention strategies that are tailored to be effective for firearm owners for distribution to firearm dealers and sport shooting ranges and in hunting safety classes, (iii) review materials on firearm safety prepared by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and other state agencies and recommend changes to such information to incorporate information on suicide awareness and suicide prevention strategies, (iv) develop information and written materials on suicide awareness and suicide prevention strategies to be included in training provided through schools of pharmacy in the Commonwealth and provide input on suicide awareness and prevention training being developed for pharmacists; (v) develop written materials that provide information related to suicide awareness and suicide prevention strategies for distribution to pharmacies; and (vi) create a website to make information and materials about suicide awareness and suicide prevention strategies available to the public. The task force must report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its activities and conclusions by December 1, 2017.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2017	-	-	-
2018	\$104,989	1.0	General
2019	\$89,989	1.0	General
2020	\$89,989	1.0	General
2021	\$89,989	1.0	General
2022	\$89,989	1.0	General
2023	\$89,989	1.0	General

8. Fiscal Implications: A requirement to convene a task force of relevant stakeholders could be and is typically minimal; however, the bill's specific requirements (i.e. to raise awareness and increase education) and tasks (see i-vi in item 5) will have a fiscal impact as the Offices of the Secretaries of Health and Human Resources and Public Safety do not have the necessary resources. It is assumed that, at a minimum, the bill will require a full-time position to collect and disseminate data, develop and review materials, and maintain the required website. The cost of such a position is estimated to be \$79,989 (salary and benefits). In addition, nonpersonal services costs (i.e. equipment, travel, supplies and website costs) are estimated to be approximately \$25,000 the first year and \$10,000 in the out years.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: There are a number of other proposals that require deliverables from the OSHHR (i.e. studies and work groups). As this number grows, the likelihood that the Office can absorb such costs declines.

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