

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1233

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Chafin

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Temporary detention; certified evaluators.

5. Summary: This bill allows emergency physicians, psychiatrists, and certain psychiatric nurse practitioners, psychiatric clinical nurse specialists, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed professional counselors, and licensed clinical social workers to perform evaluations to determine whether a person meets the criteria for temporary detention for mental health treatment in cases in which an employee or designee of the community services board is not available to perform an evaluation within two hours of receiving notification that an evaluation is required.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 313.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

<i>FY</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2017	\$0	General
2018	\$188,000	General
2019	\$203,000	General
2020	\$203,000	General
2021	\$203,000	General
2022	\$203,000	General
2023	\$203,000	General

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation expands the number of health professionals who could be certified to perform evaluations to determine whether an individual meets the criteria for temporary detention. Though data is not available to determine how many evaluations currently take place that extend beyond the two-hour window prescribed by the legislation, the requirement will result in an increase in certification applications coming into the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) for review. The legislation would also result in DBHDS being responsible for the quality oversight of the private evaluators they certify, a process that community services boards are currently responsible for when their employees provide the evaluation.

Accordingly, DBHDS estimates that an additional full-time administrative support specialist would be necessary to handle the increase in demand for application processing. The FY 2018 cost of \$71,000 in the fiscal impact estimates reflects 22 pay periods and nonpersonal

services costs. The on-going annual cost for the position is \$76,000. This cost is based on departmental averages for administrative specialist positions and associated benefits.

Additionally, DBHDS would require a licensed and experienced emergency service clinician who can provide quality oversight of the application evaluators. Departmental procedures require 10 percent of all prescreening evaluations to be reviewed for quality. An additional clinician would be needed to conduct those reviews. The FY 2018 cost of \$117,000 in the fiscal impact estimates reflects 22 pay periods and nonpersonal services costs. The on-going annual cost for the position is \$127,000. This cost is based on departmental averages for licensed emergency services clinician positions.

The following table summarizes the costs.

	FY 2018 Costs	FY 2019 Costs (On-Going)
Administrative Support	\$71,000	\$76,000
ES Clinician	\$117,000	\$127,000
TOTAL	\$188,000	\$203,000

There is also an indeterminate cost on both DBHDS facilities and community services boards as resources would have to be adjusted in order to meet the two hour timeline or send another certified staff member if the two hour timeline is surpassed.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Community Services Boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None