

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 941

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

2. Patron: Cosgrove

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Forensic discharge planning services; local and regional correctional facilities.

5. Summary: The bill directs the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, in conjunction with the relevant stakeholders, to develop a comprehensive plan, by November 1, 2017, for the provision of forensic discharge planning services at local and regional correctional facilities for persons who have serious mental illnesses who are to be released from such facilities.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to review the availability of services at local regional correctional facilities for persons who have serious mental illness who are to be released from such facilities, and develop a comprehensive plan for the provision of discharge planning services for such persons.

DBHDS anticipates that the costs associated with the estimated 150 man hours required to complete the review can be absorbed by existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Department of Corrections, Regional and Local Correctional Facilities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB1748.