

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number: SB762**

<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:** Barker

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; definition.

**5. Summary:** Directs the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (State Board) to amend regulations governing licensure of providers of behavioral health services to include (i) behavior analysts and (ii) assistant behavior analysts in the definition of "licensed mental health professional." The bill directs the State Board to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Currently, the State Board meets quarterly and can meet at the call of the Chairman or a majority of the members. It would be possible for the Board to meet within the timeline outlined within the legislation. Because the definition for behavioral health analyst is already defined in Virginia Code and both positions are already regulated by Department of Health Professions, developing definitions should not be difficult. DBHDS believes the Board could fulfill this responsibility with current resources.

Adding these occupations to the definition for "licensed mental health providers" would place them under Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) supervision and mandated reporting laws; however, DBHDS does not expect this to have a fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Community Services Boards, Licensed Private Providers of Mental Health Services

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**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None