

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2560

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: Pillion, Todd E.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Protective services; adult abuse and exploitation; multidisciplinary teams

5. Summary: The proposed legislation directs local departments of social services to foster, when practicable, the creation, maintenance, and coordination of hospital and community-based multidisciplinary teams focused on the abuse and exploitation of adults 60 years of age or older or 18 years of age or older who are physically or mentally incapacitated. These teams may do the following, as practicable: (i) assist the local department of social services in identifying abused and exploited adults; (ii) coordinate medical, social, and legal services for abused and exploited adults and their families; (iii) develop innovative programs for detection and prevention of the abuse and exploitation of adults; (iv) promote community awareness and action to address adult abuse and exploitation; and (v) disseminate information to the general public regarding the problem of adult abuse and exploitation, strategies and methods for preventing such abuse, and treatment options for abused and exploited adults. The bill also allows the attorney for the Commonwealth in each jurisdiction to establish a multidisciplinary adult abuse and exploitation response team to review cases of abuse and exploitation of adults. Such multidisciplinary team may be established separately or in conjunction with any already existing multidisciplinary team.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have any significant fiscal impact on the affected state agencies, as local departments of social services (LDSS) are required to foster the multidisciplinary teams when practicable. It is unclear as to how the practicality of implementing a multidisciplinary team is determined. Should the bill be construed to require all LDSS to implement these teams, there would be an impact on local staffing and resources. However, if such determinations are made by each LDSS then it is assumed the LDSS would be able to absorb any associated workload.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Social Services
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services
Local Departments of Social Services
Attorneys of the Commonwealth

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None