

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1509

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

2. Patron: Carrico

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Southwestern Virginia Training Center; disposition of property in Carroll County.

5. Summary: Provides that the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall not convey, sell, or otherwise dispose of certain real property located in Carroll County on which the former Southwestern Virginia Training Center was situated. The bill directs DBHDS to work with representatives of Carroll and Grayson Counties and the City of Galax, as well as other stakeholders, to develop a plan for the conveyance, sale, or other disposition of the property for the purpose of housing children requiring foster care or as a juvenile residential treatment facility. The bill provides that the prohibition on such disposition expires on July 1, 2021; however, any subsequent disposition is subject to approval by the General Assembly.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill prohibits the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) from selling property previously occupied by the Southwestern Virginia Training Center until at least July 1, 2021, requiring DBHDS to work with local representatives and stakeholders to develop a plan to use said property for housing children requiring foster care or as a juvenile residential treatment facility. Any net proceeds from the sale of DBHDS properties are deposited into the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Trust Fund, pursuant to § 37.2-318, Code of Virginia.

Under the terms of this bill, DBHDS would be unable to receive any revenue from potential buyers through at least the sunset date of the legislation, however, the agency is not aware of any parties currently interested in purchasing or using this property. In addition, DBHDS must continue to maintain the buildings and grounds through at least the sunset date of this legislation, which could require the agency to spend funds on maintenance for a longer period of time than if the property could be sold sooner.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.