

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB597

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

2. **Patron:**        Murphy

3. **Committee:** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title:**            Group homes; licensure; certain information required.

5. **Summary:** Requires every applicant for licensure to establish, conduct, maintain, or operate or continue to operate a group home licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services at which services for individuals with mental health or substance use disorder are offered to submit, together with such application, financial information; information about services and staffing; and a statement of (i) the legal name of the applicant and, if the applicant is an association, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, the names and addresses of its officers, agents, sponsors, partners, shareholders, or members and (ii) the legal name under which the applicant, any entity that operates group homes that is affiliated with or under common ownership or control with the applicant, and any entity that operates group homes and that is affiliated with or under common ownership or control with any officer, agent, sponsor, partner, shareholder, or member of the applicant to which a license to operate a group home has been issued in any other state, together with a list of the states in which such licenses have been issued and the dates for which such licenses were issued. The substitute bill also requires the Department of Social Services to consider complaints against providers operating in other states as a part of their licensing process.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This legislation codifies existing practice for the licensure of group homes by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS). There is no anticipated fiscal impact to codify this practice. Any impact of the substitute bill on the Department of Social Services is anticipated to be minimal and can be absorbed in existing resources.

This fiscal impact statement has been revised to reflect that the portion of the introduced bill that would have applied to renewals is no longer required by this legislation.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.