

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB903ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Vogel

3. Committee: Passed both Houses.

4. Title: Hospitals; emergency treatment for substance use-related emergencies; services.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Health to amend regulations governing hospitals to require each hospital that provides emergency treatment to an individual experiencing a substance use-related emergency to (i) complete a comprehensive assessment to identify appropriate medical interventions necessary for the treatment of the individual; (ii) complete a comprehensive behavioral health assessment to determine whether additional treatment may be appropriate; (iii) initiate pharmacotherapy for treatment of drug or alcohol dependence, where appropriate; and (iv) provide the patient with naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal. Such regulations shall also require each hospital that provides emergency treatment to an individual experiencing a substance use-related emergency to establish and implement a protocol for connecting such patients receiving emergency treatment with appropriate community-based providers of behavioral health services upon discharge.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. Any additional workload as a result of the reporting requirement can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.