

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB930S1

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

2. **Patron:** Stuart

3. **Committee:** Finance and Appropriations

4. **Title:** Virginia Fusion Intelligence Center; creation of a Mental Health Crisis Intervention Hotline.

5. **Summary:** Provides that the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall establish a work group composed of the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security or his designee, the Attorney General or his designee, the Directors of the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Criminal Justice Services, and the Department of Planning and Budget or their designees, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, and such other stakeholders as the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall deem appropriate to evaluate the feasibility of (i) establishing and maintaining a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, toll-free Mental Health Crisis Intervention Hotline to receive anonymous tips regarding individuals suspected to be in need of mental health treatment, to facilitate mental health treatment, crisis intervention, and the prevention of tragedies; and (ii) developing and implementing policies and procedures for referring tips received through the Hotline to state or local law enforcement, as appropriate, in a timely manner for follow-up and investigation. The work group shall develop recommendations for specific legislative, regulatory, and budgetary changes necessary to implement its recommendations. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and for Courts of Justice and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and the Judiciary by December 1, 2020.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See below.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation would require the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a work group to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, toll-free Mental Health Crisis Intervention Hotline to receive anonymous tips about individuals who may be in need of mental health treatment, to facilitate such treatment, crisis intervention, and tragedy prevention, and the referral of tips received through the Hotline to state or local law enforcement where appropriate for follow-up and investigation.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Attorney General, the Department of

Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Department of Planning and Budget, or the Department of State Police as a result of the provisions of this bill. Any potential impact on local law enforcement agencies is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Attorney General, Department of Medical Assistance Services, Department of Planning and Budget, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of State Police, Local law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.