

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1203

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

**2. Patron:** Tata

**3. Committee:** Public Safety

**4. Title:** Mental Health Care Coordinator; position created in DVS, report.

**5. Summary:** Creates a position of Mental Health Care Coordinator under the Department of Veterans Services to support and closely coordinate effective mental health care services for military service members and veterans and their families. The bill provides the duties of this position and requires the coordinator to submit an annual report, including any legislative recommendations, on December 1 of each year.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 470.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Veterans Services (DVS) estimates the annual cost for the mental health care coordinator position, as defined in the bill, to be \$140,000. This includes salary costs of \$80,000, benefits, VITA fees, and travel costs.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Veterans Services.

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is identical to HB1186 and HB403.