

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB242

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

2. Patron: Adams, D.M.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Professional counselors, licensed; added to list of providers who can disclose or recommend records.

5. Summary: Adds licensed professional counselors to the list of eligible providers who can disclose or recommend the withholding of patient records, face a malpractice review panel, and provide recommendations on involuntary temporary detention orders.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of the bill would have a minimal impact on the Department of Corrections as they have a limited number of Licensed Professional Counselors. Any cost to copy records specific to malpractice can be handled within existing resources.

This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health, the Department of Health Professions, The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the State Corporation Commission, or the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.