

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1082

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: DeSteph

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Department of Veterans Services; post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury treatment.

5. Summary: Allows the Department of Veterans Services (the Department) to contract with any hospital in the Commonwealth that furnishes a comprehensive treatment program that includes, medication, psychotherapy, and hyperbaric oxygen therapy, from an accredited program, to any veteran in the Commonwealth who has been certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed Forces as having post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury. The Department must include in any contract with such hospital the requirement that data be collected to assess the efficacy of such treatments for veterans and any other information deemed relevant by the Department.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8).

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Veterans Services (DVS), this proposal is beyond the scope of what the agency currently offers and would require additional resources to provide such services. However, at this time, DVS does not have sufficient information to determine the costs associated with the services, including the number of individuals who may be served per contract. As such, the fiscal impact on the agency operations cannot be determined at this time.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.