

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1778

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Kilgore

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Providers of treatment for persons with opiate addiction; standards required; moratorium.

5. Summary/Purpose: As amended, this bill requires the Board of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to establish standards to evaluate the need and appropriateness for the issuance of new licenses to providers of treatment for persons with opiate addiction. The standards will include various criteria relating to the number of persons needing such treatment in the service area, the proposed site of the clinic, the existing access to such treatment, the geographic and demographic parameters of the service area, and the proposed clinic's security and accountability measures. A moratorium on the issuance of new licenses for providers of treatment for persons with opiate addiction is established from the enactment date of this act until the date on which the standards become effective. The Board is authorized to promulgate emergency regulations.

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services estimates that one staff will be required to develop the standards and regulations called for by this bill. However, it is assumed that the costs associated with position can be absorbed within the agency's existing resources; therefore no budget amendment is required. Once regulations are developed, additional resources could be needed in the community to implement the requirements, although the extent and cost of these resources cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse and the community services boards.

10. Technical amendment necessary: The substitute version of this bill is a companion to Senate Bill 753.

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