

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: **HB 1444**

House of Origin ___X_ Introduced ___ Substitute ___ Engrossed

Second House ___ In Committee ___ Substitute ___ Enrolled

2. Patron: H. Morgan

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Voluntary admission; eliminates option therefore to training center upon request of person, etc.

5. Summary: This bill provides that a person may be admitted to a training center only upon written certification of eligibility for admission to a training center entered by a judge or special justice, upon petition of the parent or guardian of a person with mental retardation or other responsible person and only for the period of 365 days. At the end of the 365 days, the individual must be discharged from the training center unless there is another judicial certification for a maximum period of 365 days. This is only for individuals who are admitted following the enactment date of this legislation.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: At this time, an average of 18 people each year is admitted for long-term stays in training centers. Long-term stays, defined as longer than 75 days, require judicial certification. This bill would not significantly impact these admissions. However, because of the bill's requirement for annual judicial re-certification for long-term stays, it is likely judicial workload would be increased slightly.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments:

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