

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 206

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

2. Patron: Delegate Hope

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Educate students of Virginia's four-year institutions of higher education regarding on-campus mental health resources

5. Summary: This bill requires the Commonwealth's four-year institutions of higher education to create and feature on their websites a page with information dedicated solely to the on-campus mental health resources available to students. In addition, this bill directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), in conjunction with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), to create:

- a website that directs students to each four-year institution's mental health resources page,
- an online interactive module on mental health, and
- a criterion-referenced online assessment to test each student's comprehension of the content of the module.

Incoming students are required to participate in the module and receive a passing score of 80 percent on the assessment. Finally, this bill requires that the provisions of this act become effective on July 1, 2015.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services</i>			
<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	\$0	0.00	N/A
2015	\$0	0.00	N/A
2016	\$207,692	1.00	GF
2017	\$107,692	1.00	GF
2018	\$107,692	1.00	GF
2019	\$107,692	1.00	GF
2020	\$107,692	1.00	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: DBHDS estimates that the development of the modules and website required by this proposed legislation would require a one-time cost of approximately

\$100,000. However, it believes that on-going maintenance and support for the website would come from existing departmental resources. In addition, the department estimates that it would require one full-time position (\$101,665 per year for salary, benefits, and supplies) to help with the website's content and coordinate with SCHEV and the public four-year institutions of higher education to implement the requirements of this proposed legislation. One part-time position (\$10,320 per year) would also be needed to maintain the ongoing assessment tools.

It is estimated that this proposed legislation would have a nominal impact on Virginia's four-year institutions of higher education regarding the creation on their respective websites of the required mental health resources information. These efforts fall within the normal operations of the institutions and would be supported using existing resources.

The institutions of higher education may also have costs associated with testing all incoming students on the mental health module and ensuring that they demonstrate an 80 percent passing rate. However, these potential costs cannot be determined.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Virginia's four-year institutions of higher education, and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: N/A

- 11. Other Comments:** The public two-year institutions of higher education – Virginia Community College System and Richard Bland College – are not included in the requirements of this bill.

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