

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1717

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

2. Patron: LeMunyon

3. Committee: Engrossed

4. Title: Psychiatric Treatment of Minors; Objecting Minor; Duration of Admission

5. Summary: Amends the criteria for admitting an objecting minor 14 years of age or older for psychiatric treatment to match the criteria for determining whether a nonobjecting minor or a minor younger than 14 years of age should be admitted. The bill also provides that if a minor 14 years of age or older who did not initially object to treatment objects to further treatment, the mental health facility where the minor is being treated shall immediately notify the parent who consented to the minor's treatment and provide to such parent a summary of the procedures for requesting continued treatment of the minor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: Under current law, minors over the age of 13 are able to refuse admission to psychiatric hospitalizations. At that age both the parent and minor must consent to inpatient treatment. If the minor refuses admission, he may be admitted for up to 96 hours while a court assesses the minor's need for inpatient treatment. This bill changes the inpatient admission criteria to be less restrictive and match that of consenting minors who voluntarily seek admission to an inpatient treatment facility.

This has the potential to increase the rate of admission at the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA), operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; however it is unknown how many, if any, additional minors would be admitted. For reference, the per-capita cost per day of treatment at CCCA stands at \$1,089 as of 11/30/2014. The per-capital billed rate is \$911.00; however, this rate fluctuates much more drastically from patient-to-patient. On average, in FY 2013 and FY 2014, 75 percent of patients were insured, 17 percent were covered by commercial insurance and 58 percent were covered by Medicaid.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Medical Assistance Services, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to SB773.