

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1872

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Pogge

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** State employee health insurance plan; coverage for vision therapy.

5. **Summary:** Requires the state employee health insurance plan to include coverage for vision therapy, defined in the bill as orthoptic or pleoptic training when medically necessary to diagnose, correct, or manage a vision disorder or dysfunction that results from traumatic brain injury, brain surgery, or stroke.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes – Item 475 (Compensation and Benefit Adjustments)

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2017	\$0	
2018	\$71,340	General
2019	\$71,340	General
2020	\$71,340	General
2021	\$71,340	General
2022	\$71,340	General
2023	\$71,340	General

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Based on data provided by the state's health insurance carriers to the Department of Human Resource Management, providing the vision therapy coverage defined in this legislation would result in an annual fiscal impact of approximately \$174,000 beginning in fiscal year 2018 to the state health plan. Assuming the general fund share of the state health insurance plan is 41 percent, the estimated annual general fund cost is \$71,340. The general fund portion of costs associated with the employer's share of premiums paid for the state's health plan would have to be adjusted as a result of this legislation; therefore, a budget amendment is required.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Human Resource Management, Administration of Health Insurance

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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