

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 1997

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

**2. Patron:** Hope

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Warrantless arrest for misdemeanor; transportation to crisis stabilization unit.

**5. Summary:** This bill authorizes a law-enforcement officer who makes a warrantless arrest of a person for a misdemeanor offense, who the officer believes has a mental illness to transport such person to a crisis stabilization unit or similar facility in lieu of taking him before a magistrate, provided that the use of such unit or facility has been approved by the chief judge of the circuit court serving the jurisdiction where the arrest occurred. Any person transported to such unit or facility shall be issued a summons by the arresting officer for the offense for which he was arrested.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) anticipates that as a result of this bill, admissions to crisis centers will increase, possibly resulting in an increase in admissions to DBHDS facilities. With expanded authority, law enforcement officers may utilize crisis centers when confronting an individual they believe to have a mental illness, as opposed to bringing them to a police station with a holding facility or county jail. Increasing the number of individuals serviced by crisis centers may increase hospitalizations as it is one of many methods utilized by these centers for seeking immediate treatment for these individuals.

However, the fiscal impact is indeterminate because neither the increased number of people that would be brought through the 36 Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Sites can not be quantified, nor can the number of additional individuals who would be hospitalized.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Community Services Boards, Courts of Justice, Law Enforcement

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None