

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2162

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

2. Patron: Pillion, Todd E.

3. Committee: -

4. Title: Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene work group to study barriers to treatment

5. Summary: The amended legislation directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (the Secretary) to convene a work group to study barriers to treatment of substance-exposed infants in the Commonwealth. Such work group shall include representatives of the Departments of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and Health and Social Services and such other stakeholders as the Secretary may deem appropriate and shall (i) review current policies and practices governing the identification and treatment of substance exposed infants in the Commonwealth; (ii) identify barriers to treatment of substance exposed infants in the Commonwealth, including barriers related to identification and reporting of such infants, data collection, interagency coordination and collaboration, service planning, service availability, and funding; and (iii) develop legislative, budgetary, and policy recommendations for the elimination of barriers to treatment of substance-exposed infants in the Commonwealth. The Secretary shall report his findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2017. The bill, as amended, contains an emergency clause such that its provisions are in effect from its passage.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: It is expected that the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources can meet the provisions of this bill with existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: There are a number of other proposals that require deliverables from the OSHHR (i.e. studies and work groups). As this number grows, the likelihood that the Office can absorb such costs declines.

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