

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1531

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: Herring

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security; duties; public database for presentations.

5. Summary: Requires the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in cooperation with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, to create an Internet-based clearinghouse for all publicly available presentations and datasets related to substance abuse. The database would contain presentations and datasets that have been created by or for any state agency for which the Secretary of Public Safety or the Secretary of Health and Human Resources is responsible.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation requires the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security (Secretary), in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, to create a clearinghouse for all publicly available presentations and datasets relating to substance abuse. Currently, the Secretary's office is not equipped or staffed to meet the requirements of this proposal and the bill does not specifically allow the Secretary to delegate this responsibility to another agency. If the clearinghouse database is to remain within the Secretary's office, it is estimated that additional funding of \$109,715 per year would be required to cover the salary and benefits of one new position, similar in function to an Information Technology Specialist (pay band 6). Additional costs to procure and maintain a database-style system to be housed in the Secretary's office would also be expected. However, without further defining the expectations of the publishing process including the types of presentations and datasets that are to be published and the volume of data affected, costs for such a system cannot be estimated at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None