

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 399

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

2. Patron: Lewis

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Local or regional drug overdose fatality review teams.

5. Summary: Authorizes any county or city, or any combination of counties, cities, or counties and cities, to establish a local or regional drug overdose fatality review team for the purpose of (i) conducting contemporaneous reviews of local drug overdose deaths, (ii) promoting cooperation and coordination among agencies involved in investigations of drug overdose deaths or in providing services to surviving family members, (iii) developing an understanding of the causes and incidence of drug overdose deaths in the locality, (iv) developing plans for and recommending changes within the agencies represented on the local team to prevent drug overdose deaths, and (v) advising the Department of Health and other relevant state agencies on changes to law, policy, or practice to prevent overdose deaths. The bill authorizes a local or regional team to review the death of any person who resides in the Commonwealth and whose death was or is suspected to be due to drug overdose. A violation of the confidentiality of the review process is punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The total fiscal impact that this amended bill would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined at this time. It is unknown how many local or regional drug overdose fatality teams will be established as a result of this bill and therefore it is difficult to determine the impact on the Department of Health. Furthermore, it is difficult to determine any revenue impact as a result of the bill as there is not enough information to make an estimate. Those in violation of a Class 3 misdemeanor would face no jail time, but face a fine of up to \$500, which would be paid into the Literary Fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: No.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.