

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1849

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: Adams

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Dental hygienist; remote supervision of a dentist employed by DBHDS

5. Summary: Allows a dental hygienist employed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Department) to practice under the remote supervision of a dentist employed by the Department or the Department of Health. Under current law, only a dental hygienist or dentist employed by the Virginia Department of Health may practice or supervise remotely. The bill also adds mobile dentistry programs operated by the Department for adults with developmental disabilities to the list of locations where a dental hygienist may practice under the remote supervision of a licensed dentist and directs the Department to annually submit a report of services provided by such dental hygienists to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: This fiscal impact statement has been updated from the original to clarify that the current appropriation at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services limits the impact of any expansion of services as a result of this legislation. DBHDS currently offers community-based dental services through the Developmental Disability Health Support Networks. The regional DDHSNs were created to replace services previously provided by state-operated training centers. This bill expands access to dental services by allowing the provision of such services by dental hygienists under the remote supervision of a dentist. While there may be an increase in the number of individuals seeking and receiving dental services because of changes in this legislation and any resulting changes in practice at DBHDS, unless DBHDS requests funds to expand the program, expenditures for DDHSN-provided services are limited to the program's current appropriation and no additional funding is required.

The substitute bill includes language that requires the promulgation of regulations within 280 days of the enactment of the legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; local and regional jails; Community Services Boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.