

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1942 ER

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

2. Patron: Bell, Robert B.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Behavioral health services; exchange of medical and mental health information and records.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the State Board of Corrections (the Board) to establish minimum standards with the advice and guidance of the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) and the State Inspector General for: i) behavioral health services provided in jails; ii) discharge planning for individuals with serious mental illnesses in local correctional facilities; iii) requiring at least one unannounced annual inspection of each local correctional facility by the Board or its agents to determine compliance with the standards for behavioral health services; and iv) provisions for the billing of the sheriff in charge of a local correctional facility or superintendent of a regional correctional facility and payment by such sheriff or superintendent to a community services board that provides behavioral health services in the local correctional facility. The bill also clarifies who is entitled to obtain medical and mental health records of persons committed to state, local or regional correctional facilities.

The bill contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2020 relating to requirement for discharge planning for individuals committed to local correctional facilities. The bill also requires the Chairman of the Board of Corrections to convene a work group comprised of specified representatives to determine the cost of implementing provisions of this act. The work group is required to report its findings and conclusions to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee for Courts of Justice, the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions, the Senate Committee on Finance, the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services by November 1, 2019.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill requires the Chairman of the Board of Corrections to convene a work group comprised of specified representatives to determine the cost of implementing provisions of this act. Therefore, the bill is not expected to have immediate fiscal impact on the Board's operations, as well as on local correctional facilities, and sheriffs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Corrections, Department of Corrections, and local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None