

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2556

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: Plum

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Department of Health Professions and health regulatory boards; information obtained.

5. Summary: Provides that provisions protecting the confidentiality of information obtained during an investigation or disciplinary hearing do not prohibit the disclosure of information about a suspected violation of state or federal law or regulation to state law enforcement. Under current law, such disclosure is authorized only to agencies within the Health and Human Resources Secretariat or to federal law-enforcement agencies. The bill also provides that investigative staff of agencies to which disclosure is authorized are not prohibited from interviewing fact witnesses, disclosing to fact witnesses the identity of the subject of the complaint or report, or reviewing with fact witnesses any portion of records or other supporting documentation necessary to refresh the fact witnesses' recollection.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Impact Estimate.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.