

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Special Session I Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB4030

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

**2. Patron:** Stuart

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:** Virginia Fusion Intelligence Center; creation of a Mental Health Crisis Intervention Hotline.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Virginia Fusion Intelligence Center to establish a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week toll-free Mental Health Crisis Intervention Hotline (the Hotline) to receive anonymous tips regarding individuals suspected to be in need of mental health treatment, in order to help facilitate mental health treatment, crisis intervention, and the prevention of tragedies. Additionally, the bill requires the Fusion Center to develop and implement policies and procedures for referring tips received through the Hotline to state or local law enforcement, as may be appropriate, in a timely manner for follow-up and investigation.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 420.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

### Department of State Police

The Virginia Fusion Center (VFC) acts as a central location within the Department of State Police (VSP) where state and federal agencies can collaborate with local partners to share information, resources, and expertise to better respond to and prevent criminal activities and other hazards. This bill would require VFC personnel to receive anonymous tips regarding individuals suspected of being in need of mental health treatment to facilitate mental health treatment, crisis intervention, and tragedy prevention upon receipt of this information. The VFC would also be required to develop policies and procedures to refer tips received through the Hotline to state or local law enforcement agencies for follow-up and investigation.

VSP estimates that additional analyst positions will be needed to comply with the provisions of this bill. Currently, the Watch Center within the VFC is only fully staffed during business hours Monday through Friday, with analysts from other areas filling in on nights and weekends as needed. It is not possible to estimate the number of tips the hotline may receive, and the workload of personnel within the VFC. At a minimum, VSP would need additional analyst positions to fully staff the Watch Center twenty-four hours per day and seven days a week. VSP has concluded it could need up to seven senior analysts at a cost of \$81,197

annually (salary and benefits), depending upon the workload generated by the provisions of this bill. VSP estimates a total potential personnel fiscal impact of \$568,379 per year. This amount would be prorated in the first year (fiscal year 2020), depending on the enactment date, if the bill is passed.

VSP also anticipates to incur some training costs to fully implement the provisions of the legislation. However, any potential training cost to VSP as a result of the provisions of this bill is indeterminate at this time.

#### Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Although this legislation does not explicitly require the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to provide additional services, it does state that the VSP-operated hotline will receive tips regarding those who may be in need of "mental health treatment" in order to facilitate treatment and prevent tragedies. According to DBHDS, this may result in an increase in the number of individuals placed under an emergency custody order (ECO). Pursuant to § 37.2-808 and § 37.2-809 of the Code of Virginia, when an individual is placed under an ECO for evaluation, the emergency assessment to evaluate them for a temporary detention order and involuntary commitment must be completed by a designee or employee of the applicable Community Services Board. Depending on the volume of additional ECOs, CSBs could require additional funding from DBHDS to address a potential surge. Additionally, if the legislation results in an increase in the number of involuntary commitments, it will affect DBHDS-operated mental health facilities, which are currently operating at capacity.

#### Department of Medical Assistance Services

Any potential fiscal impact on the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) as a result of the provisions of the proposed legislation is indeterminate at this time.

#### Local law enforcement agencies

This bill would require analysts within the VFC to refer tips received via the Hotline to state or local law enforcement agencies as needed for further follow-up and investigation. Any potential fiscal impact on local law enforcement agencies is currently indeterminate.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of State Police, Local law enforcement agencies, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Department of Medical Assistance Services

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

- 11. Other Comments:** None.