

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1281

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: O'Quinn

3. Committee: Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. Title: Southwestern Va. Mental Health Institute; Governor to lease a portion of property to Smyth County.

5. Summary: Authorizes the Governor to lease a portion of property previously used by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as the Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute to Smyth County for a term of three years. The bill also corrects tax map references contained in Chapter 678 of the Acts of Assembly of 2019, which also involved conveyances of property in Smyth County.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, see Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would allow a three-year lease, pending approval of the Governor, of an unused building located on the grounds of Southwest Virginia Mental Health Institute, operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), to Smyth County for use in creating a day program for individuals with substance use issues. The bill requires a budget allocation in the amount of \$2.0 million for the basic refurbishment of the building, although it does not specify if the allocation will be general, general fund supported debt, or nongeneral funds.

The language of the bill also requires the provision of liability insurance, however it is not clear who would be responsible for the cost of liability insurance. The cost of liability insurance is unknown at this time. The legislation does not include a provision allowing DBHDS to collect reimbursement for utilities and any required maintenance from Smyth County, which is a potential additional fiscal impact, although those terms could potentially be included in the lease.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Smyth County

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.