

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB739

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: Deeds

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Acute psychiatric bed registry; information required to be provided.

5. Summary: Adds information about the (i) total number of licensed beds, (ii) total number of staffed beds, (iii) current bed utilization, (iv) change in bed utilization since the most recent update, (v) number of beds actually available, (vi) number of requests for admission received since the most recent update, (vii) number of individuals admitted since the most recent update, and (viii) number of requests for admission denied since the most recent update and the reason for each such denial to the list of information that must be submitted to the acute psychiatric bed registry (the registry) daily by each public and private inpatient psychiatric facility and every public and private residential crisis stabilization unit in the Commonwealth. The bill also directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to create a work group to evaluate the purpose, structure, and effectiveness of the registry and make recommendations for statutory, budgetary, or other actions necessary to redefine the purpose of the registry and improve its structure and effectiveness. The work group shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health, House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions, and the Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the Twenty-First Century by November 1, 2020.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The current bed registry system was developed by e'Telic Inc., with oversight provided by The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) Central Office administrators and in consultation with public and private partners. The web-based psychiatric bed registry (PBR) went live in March, 2014, and was designed to collect, aggregate, and display data on the availability of acute beds in public and private inpatient psychiatric facilities and residential crisis stabilization units (CSUs) at community services boards (CSBs). The registry allows CSBs and psychiatric hospitals to search for acute psychiatric bed availability at participating psychiatric hospitals (including all state facilities) and CSUs on a 24/7 basis. It does not eliminate the need to call facilities to discuss the appropriateness of the admission. The current registry includes contact information for the facilities and aids mental health professionals in obtaining current information about

participating psychiatric hospitals and CSUs. Queries can be tailored to specific needs (e.g., region, patient type, level of security, etc.). DBHDS currently pays the vendor \$16,559 annually for provision of the bed registry.

This legislation would require the state's bed registry to provide information that the current registry does not provide. The current vendor has quoted DBHDS a price of \$246,000 per year to add the capabilities required by this legislation. Other vendors could be solicited to provide a bed registry; however, there would likely be a development cost upfront to redo the entire system, which could increase the fiscal impact of this legislation. Based on that quote, DBHDS expects to need at least \$250,000 a year to meet the items indicated in this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, CSBs, State Psychiatric Hospitals

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.