

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB768

House of Origin	☒	Introduced	☐	Substitute	☐	Engrossed
Second House	☐	In Committee	☐	Substitute	☐	Enrolled

2. Patron: Barker

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: DBHDS; work group to study expanding the category of individuals who may conduct evaluations.

5. Summary: Directs the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish a work group to (i) review the current process for conducting evaluations of persons who are subject to emergency custody orders to determine whether they meet the criteria for temporary detention, including any challenges or barriers to timely completion of such evaluations and factors giving rise to delays in completion of such evaluations, and (ii) develop a comprehensive plan to expand the categories of individuals who may conduct evaluations of persons who are subject to emergency custody orders to determine whether they meet the criteria for temporary detention in order to expedite the evaluation process. The work group shall report its findings and conclusions and the comprehensive plan to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions, Senate Committee on Education and Health, and Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century by December 1, 2020.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.