

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB668

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: Hope

3. Committee: Health, Welfare, and Institutions.

4. Title: Facilities for civilly committed sexually violent predators; reports.

5. Summary: Adds persons who are civilly committed sexually violent predators to the categories of persons for whom the Commonwealth's designated advocacy and protection system provides oversight, provided funding for such purpose is provided by the General Assembly. The bill also requires state facilities to which sexually violent predators are civilly committed to notify in writing the Director of the Commonwealth's designated protection and advocacy system within 48 hours of critical incidents or deaths of individuals receiving services in the state facility, and requires the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to provide to the Director a written report setting forth the known facts of critical incidents or deaths of individuals receiving services in facilities to which sexually violent predators are civilly committed within 15 working days of such critical incident or death.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to meet the notification requirements of this legislation. The cost to the disAbility Law Center (the state's designated protection and advocacy system) of providing advocacy services for sexually violent predators committed to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services is indeterminate, however, the services are only required if additional funds are provided by the General Assembly. According to the organization's website, they are currently primarily funded with federal grants and donations.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.