

## Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2342

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Campbell, E. H.

**3. Committee:** Committee Referral Pending

**4. Title:** Background checks; services for children and developmental services; adult substance abuse.

**5. Summary:** Separates background check requirements for direct care positions with service providers and community boards. The bill separates provisions regarding background checks of employees in direct care positions providing adult substance abuse and mental health services from those of background checks of employees in direct care positions providing services for children and developmental services.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill separates the background check provisions for direct care positions providing adult substance abuse and mental health services from those who provide services for children and developmental services. It does not appear that the separation of applicants into separate code sections itself has a fiscal impact, and DBHDS has indicated no fiscal impact.

When background checks are processed, there is currently no way to know what position the person is applying for. A checkbox for direct care providers working with children and developmental services would need to be added to the background check form. Without changing the system, a background check will not be able to differentiate between direct care providers for adults and those for children and developmental services.

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) currently utilizes a contract with Fieldprint. According to DBHDS, the contractor has indicated they can make this change without any additional cost. Second, a change would need to occur in CONNECT, the licensing provider portal, to be able to bring the checkbox field over to the system. The update to CONNECT is estimated to cost under \$10,000 and can be absorbed in existing DBHDS resources.

The Department of State Police does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.