

**Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services  
2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB293

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Bell

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:**    Determining facility of temporary detention

**5. Summary:** This bill provides that an individual for whom a temporary detention order is issued shall be detained in a state facility unless the state facility or an employee or designee of the community services board is able to identify an alternative facility that is able and willing to provide temporary detention. The bill directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to establish an acute care psychiatric bed registry that shall provide real-time information on the availability of beds in public and private psychiatric facilities and residential crisis stabilization units for individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** See fiscal implications below.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill contains two components with possible fiscal impacts.

**Acute Psychiatric Bed Registry:**

This bill requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to establish and operate a web-based registry of public and private acute psychiatric and crisis stabilization beds statewide, including real-time availability of beds by facility. The agency is currently in the final stages of implementing such a registry using funds appropriated by the General Assembly in Chapter 806, 2013 Acts of Assembly. The registry, created via contract with Virginia Health Information, is anticipated to be operational by April 1, 2014.

However, to improve the effectiveness of the registry and ensure that facilities are in compliance and cooperating with the system's requirements, the department will need an additional FTE in the central office, Item 307. This position will be responsible for providing training and technical assistance to users, visiting sites to identify barriers to admissions, analyzing and reporting on data that is being collected, tracking trends, and suggesting corrective actions to improve system effectiveness. The individual will also work with hospitals and community providers on prompt discharge of clinically ready persons to reduce bed blockage for new admissions. The annualized cost of this position and the associated

costs is assumed at \$121,871 per year. The first year cost is assumed at 22 pay periods, or \$111,715.

Salary – Pay Band 5	\$80,000
Fringe Benefits	\$32,420
Subtotal, Personal Services	\$112,420
Travel	\$4,726
Office Supplies	\$150
Training	\$2,500
Telephone	\$449
Computer/Blackberry	\$1,626
Subtotal, Nonpersonal Services	\$9,451
Annual Total	\$121,871

In addition, the bill provides that DBHDS state facilities be the default location for a Temporary Detention Order (TDO).

The potential impact to state facilities could be significant, depending on the number and distribution of TDOs throughout the calendar year. Facilities would be required to maintain an operational capacity sufficient to accommodate these TDOs for what is normally a short duration. Moreover, in order to avoid significant transportation costs, the state would need to ensure that all five regions have adequate capacity. Finally, on top of the additional direct and indirect staffing costs with serving this new population, the state may be required to provide additional physical capacity, requiring additional bed space at one or more facilities.

Facilities would be receiving revenue from the Involuntary Mental Commitment fund. However, these funds may not be sufficient to handle the costs of the needed staff.

The exact amount of new TDOs going to state facilities as a result of this bill is unknown but projections can be provided. If 50 beds are needed to address capacity at state facilities, it will cost \$5.5 million for staffing and indirect costs.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** DBHDS, Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS). Community Services Boards, State Police, and local sheriff departments.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.