

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB178

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

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Office of the State Inspector General; investigations of abuse or neglect at state psychiatric hospitals; report.

5. Summary: Directs the Office of the State Inspector General to (i) develop a plan to fulfill its statutory obligation to fully investigate all complaints it receives alleging abuse, neglect, or inadequate care at a state psychiatric hospital and (ii) submit such plan to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2024. The bill also requires the Office to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on or before December 1 regarding the number of such complaints received and the number of complaints that were fully investigated by the Office.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The development of a plan to fully investigate all complaints alleging abuse, neglect, or inadequate care at a state psychiatric hospital and annual reporting required by this bill will not require additional resources. However, it is possible that additional resources would be required in order to implement the plan developed to fully investigate all complaints alleging abuse, neglect, or inadequate care at a state psychiatric hospital.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Office of the State Inspector General, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to House Bill 313.

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