

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB568

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

2. **Patron:** Deeds

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Crisis stabilization services; facilities licensed by Department of Behavioral Health.

5. **Summary:** Permits facilities licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services that provide crisis stabilization services to maintain a stock of Schedules II through VI controlled substances necessary for immediate treatment of patients admitted to such facility. Under current law, maintenance of a stock of Schedule VI controlled substances is allowed under certain conditions, but a stock of Schedules II through V controlled substances may be maintained only if authorized by federal law and Board of Pharmacy regulations. The bill allows for the use of remote dispensing systems in nursing homes, hospitals, state facilities licensed pursuant to Title 37.2, services licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as a site-based crisis stabilization unit, and any other facility authorized by the Board of Pharmacy in regulation wherein drugs are administered only by persons licensed to administer drugs and where the pharmacist-in-charge can ensure the security and environmental integrity of the drugs and devices. The bill extends the use of automated drug dispensing systems from use only in hospitals to use in each such facility listed above. The bill contains an emergency clause and directs the Board of Pharmacy to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No fiscal impact.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Because this legislation is permissive, there is no fiscal impact. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) is currently funding two pilot projects at two community services boards that are maintaining Schedules II-VI controlled substances through a remote pharmacy dispensing system approved by the Virginia Board of Pharmacy under the Innovative Pharmacy Pilot Program. This legislation would allow the Board of Pharmacy to make the pilot program permanent and expand operations to existing and new DBHDS licensed site-based crisis services as funding permits.

This legislation would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations, which can be handled within existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB1336.