

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1353 (Delegate Marriott)

Environmental Matters

Individuals in Mental Health Facilities with Developmental Disabilities

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to study and prepare a written report that protects the confidentiality of “qualified individuals” and addresses the following issues: (1) the discharge status of each qualified individual who resides in a State facility as of July 1, 2000, including length of stay, diagnosis, barriers to release, and efforts to discharge; (2) the frequency and length of use of physical restraint on qualified individuals residing in State facilities during the period from July 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999; and (3) alternative methods and locations for serving qualified individuals. The bill defines a qualified individual as an individual with a disability qualifying for services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration and defines a State facility as a DHMH-owned or operated facility. DHMH must submit the written report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2000.

The bill’s effective date is July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill’s requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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