

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB543-S1

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

2. Patron: Bagby

3. Committee: Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Health insurance; emergency services; mobile crisis response services.

5. Summary: The substitute provides that emergency services, as it relates to any mental health services or substance abuse services, as those terms are defined in § 38.2-3412.1, Code of Virginia, rendered at a behavioral health crisis services provider, include (a) a behavioral health assessment that is within the capability of a behavioral health crisis service provider, including ancillary services routinely available to evaluate such emergency medical condition, and (b) such further examination and treatment, to the extent that they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the behavioral health crisis service provider, as are required so that the patient’s condition does not deteriorate.

Coverage for emergency services that are related to mental health services or substance abuse services, as those terms are defined in § 38.2-3412.1, Code of Virginia, shall be provided in accordance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, P.L. 110-343, even where those requirements would not otherwise apply directly. Such emergency services may be rendered at a location other than the emergency department of a hospital, such as a behavioral health crisis service provider, as required.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Human Resource Management, State Corporation Commission, Department of Medical Assistance Services, and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Line 180, after “relates”, insert “to”.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to the substitute version of HB 601.