



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 596

PRINTERS NO. 642

PRIME SPONSOR: Heffley

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 596, Printer's Number 642, is a freestanding act to be known as the Detoxification and Addiction Treatment Bed Registry Act. This legislation would be effective in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation requires the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) to develop and administer an internet-based detoxification and addiction treatment bed registry. This registry will collect, aggregate and display information about available beds in a licensed provider's facility. The registry shall include:

- Descriptive and contact information for licensed PA providers.
- Real-time information updated at least daily, on the number of beds available at a licensed provider's facility, including the type of patient that may be admitted, the level of security provided and other information that may be necessary to allow for the identification of appropriate providers.
- A search function to identify available beds that are appropriate to treat persons experiencing a substance abuse emergency.

HB 596 requires licensed providers to participate in the bed registry and designate an employee to report information for inclusion in the bed registry and serve as a point of contact.

DDAP may utilize a private entity to develop and administer the registry and shall promulgate regulations to implement the act.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to the Office of the Budget and based on data from Iowa, Virginia and North Carolina, it will cost between \$600,000 and \$1,100,000 for development and maintenance of an internet-based detoxification and addiction treatment bed registry.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*