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Bill Topic: PILOT PROGRAM COURT APPROVAL TREATMENT MEDICATION IN JAILS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue (<i>potential, minimal</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund (<i>potential, minimal</i>)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill creates a pilot program to allow psychiatrists to petition the court to administer medications over the objection of an inmate in a jail. The bill will increase state and local revenue, expenditures, and workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill establishes a pilot program, under the supervision of the Office of Behavioral Health, to allow a licensed psychiatrist to petition the court to administer medications over the objection of an inmate in a jail for a maximum period of three months. Up to five jails may participate in the pilot program. The advisory board in the Department of Human Services (DHS) on mental health service standards for health care facilities will make recommendations for the selection of the five jails. The bill sets out minimum criteria for jails to participate in the program, including having established a contract with a public or private hospital, clinic, community mental health center, acute treatment unit, institution, or residential care facility to provide mental health services that meet certain minimum standards. The bill requires the DHS to submit a report to the General Assembly on the pilot program by December 31, 2020, as part of its SMART Act hearings.

State Revenue

Starting in FY 2018-19, cash fund revenue to the Judicial Department may increase due to court fees for filing a petition. It is unclear if psychiatrists will be exempt from paying the petition fee but to the extent that they are not, revenue will increase. Overall, this impact is assumed to be minimal.

TABOR Refund

This bill increases state revenue from cash funds, which will increase the amount of money required to be refunded under TABOR for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20. A TABOR refund obligation is not expected for the current FY 2017-18. Since the bill increases the TABOR refund obligation without a corresponding change in General Fund revenue, the amount of money available in the General Fund for the budget will decrease by an identical amount.

State Expenditures

Starting in the current FY 2017-18, workload will increase for DHS and starting in FY 2018-19, workload for trial courts in the Judicial Department will increase.

Department of Human Services. Starting in the current FY 2017-18, workload in the DHS will increase for the Office of Behavioral Health to promulgate rules, and to monitor and oversee the five jails participating in the program. Workload will also increase for the DHS to collect data and report on the pilot program. The increase in workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Judicial Department. Trial courts in judicial districts that have jails participating in the pilot program will hold additional hearings to the extent that psychiatrists petition the court. Because the pilot program is restricted to just five jails, the expected increase in workload is not expected to require additional appropriations to the Judicial Department.

Advisory Board. Workload will also increase for the members of the advisory board on mental health service standards from various state agencies such as the DHS and the Department of Public Health and Environment to establish program requirements and to approve participation in the pilot program. This increase in workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government

The bill will increase revenue, expenditures and workload for local governments who participate in the pilot program, as discussed below.

County jails. To the extent that county jails do not meet the minimum qualifications but want to participate in the pilot program, expenditures and workload to meet the minimum qualifications will increase. Participating jails will have workload to coordinate with psychiatrists on petitions and other services required by the pilot program. Participating county jails may also save on inmate medical care and transportation costs since inmates could receive their medication in the jails, which could reduce the need for out of pocket mental health and medical services.

Denver County Court. To the extent that Denver County participates in the pilot program, revenue, expenditures, and workload will increase for Denver County Court to hear petitions brought by psychiatrists.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties
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