Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB 2655 **Patron:** Williams
Bill Title: Behavioral health services; correctional facilities, exchange of medical/mental health information

Bill Summary: The proposed legislation permits the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), the Department of Social Services, and any local department of social services to access medical and mental health information and records for persons committed to any correctional facility for the purposes of providing pre-release services, reentry planning, and post-incarceration placement and services. The bill also authorizes DMAS to access a juvenile's social, medical, psychiatric, and psychological reports and records during pre-release and up to 30 days following such juvenile's release from commitment for the purposes of providing pre-release services, reentry planning, and post-incarceration placement and services.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None

Fiscal Summary: The bill is expected to have minimal fiscal impact on impacted agencies which can be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: It is assumed that the bill's provisions do not require the electronic exchange of medical and mental health information between agencies. As such, providing access to such data is not expected to have any significant cost to impacted state agencies. Should there be any expectation of electronic exchanges, then the additional costs would occur for state agencies. For example, the Department of Corrections reports that providing DMAS with electronic health information through agency systems would cost approximately $250,000 for updates and data integration.

Other: None