## Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB1439 Patron: Durant

**Bill Title:** Acute psychiatric bed registry; Bed Registry Advisory Council; patient privacy and data

security; Virginia Freedom of Information Act exemption.

**Bill Summary:** Requires the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to include provisions for the protection of patient privacy and data security pursuant to state and federal law and regulations in contracts with private entities for the administration of the acute psychiatric bed registry. The bill requires the Commissioner to create the Bed Registry Advisory Council to advise the Commissioner and any such private entity on the administration of such registry and to review and approve requests for access to data from the registry. The bill also creates a Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) exemption for information submitted to such registry.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted:

**Fiscal Summary:** There is no fiscal impact to this legislation.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation. Any minimal administrative costs can be absorbed in existing resources.

**Other:** This bill is a companion to HB1937.