

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB495 **Patron:** Deeds
Bill Title: Emergency substantial risk order; allowable petitioners.

Bill Summary: Adds a family or household member, a mental health service provider, and an appointed evaluator from a community services board to the list of persons who may petition a court for an emergency substantial risk order. Current law allows an attorney for the Commonwealth or a law-enforcement officer to file such petition.

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

Fiscal Summary: No fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on either the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or law enforcement. The legislation allows for a family or household member, a mental health service provider, or an appointed evaluator from a community services board to petition an order to prohibit a person who is at substantial risk of hurting themselves or others with a firearm from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm for the duration of the order. While not anticipated, any additional administrative costs associated with this bill can be absorbed.