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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0354 Introduced on February 2, 2017
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Subject: Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. A minimal expenditure impact is expected on Other Funds of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) for administration of a new licensing program and on Other Funds of the Department of Mental Health (DMH) for licensing a facility as a crisis stabilization unit.

This bill would have no revenue impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. The bill may have a minimal Other Fund impact for DHEC because of fee revenue generated from licensing crisis stabilization unit facilities.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends the State Certification of Need and Health Facility Licensure Act by creating a new category of facility for crisis stabilization units operated or authorized by the Department of Mental Health (DMH). The bill exempts these facilities from the certificate of need process but requires their licensure in the manner specified in the bill and in accordance with DHEC regulations. Crisis stabilization units provide short-term residential treatment twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for people experiencing a mental health crisis. Treatment offered would consist of psychiatric stabilization services, detoxification services, and brief, intensive crisis services. The average length of stay for an individual would be three to five days.

DMH operated a short-stay facility in Charleston from 1999 to 2009 and plans to open a community-based, short-stay crisis stabilization program in March or April 2017. Currently there

is no licensing category for this type of facility (or program). Therefore, at this time, DMH expects to seek licensure as a community residential care facility (CRCF) with assisted living, which may require multiple waivers of DHEC's CRCF regulations.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The department reports that this bill would require the department to promulgate new regulations and fee schedule, create and process new application forms, design new computer applications, train staff and the community on the new regulations, and inspect each crisis stabilization unit for compliance with licensure requirements. The department reports that these new responsibilities would require an additional expenditure of approximately \$9,039 annually in operating expenses for a temporary employee, with an additional expenditure of \$1,012 in the first year for office equipment. The Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs anticipates that the department will accomplish these tasks within the current Other Funds spending authority for the facility licensing program

Department of Mental Health (DMH). The department indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. This bill would have a minimal expenditure impact on Other Funds. The department is planning to open a community-based crisis stabilization program within one month. DMH has licensed similar programs in the past as community residential care facilities and received waivers from DHEC in order to operate since licensing regulations regarding crisis stabilization units do not exist. Once a fee schedule has been approved, this bill may increase Other Funds expenditures by DMH, but the amount is expected to be minimal and managed within the department's existing resources.

State Revenue

Currently, there are no regulations regarding the licensure of crisis stabilization unit facilities. DMH does not currently operate crisis stabilization facilities, and DHEC does not charge or collect fees for such facilities from DMH. If this bill is enacted, DHEC will promulgate regulations and establish a fee schedule which must first be approved by the General Assembly. At that time, it is anticipated that the fee schedule will offset any additional expenditures associated with this new license and inspection requirement. The fees are expected to be minimal. This bill would have no revenue impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds.

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A



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