



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

PRINTERS NO. 3617

PRIME SPONSOR: Rader

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 220, Printer's Number 3617, amends the Administrative Code regarding admission to drug and alcohol treatment facilities and to provide for suicide or overdose death review teams. The provisions relating to the admission to treatment facilities and the establishment of death review teams are effective 60 and 30 days after enactment, respectively.

ANALYSIS: HB 220 amends Article XXI-A to require that the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs' standards for treatment and rehabilitation facilities prohibit a facility from denying addiction treatment to an individual solely and the basis of a negative drug test.

This legislation also amends Article XXI to authorize a county or counties to establish a suicide or overdose death review team for the purpose of gathering information concerning suicides and/or overdose deaths in order to improve community resources and systems of care. The bill provides for the following regarding death review teams: membership, selection of a chair, meeting requirements, duties, conducting of interviews, preparation of annual reports, review of records related to a deceased individual, confidentiality of meetings, and criminal and civil liability protections.

The bill assigns the following duties regarding death review teams to the Department of Health (DOH), in consultation with state or local government agencies:

- Provide technical assistance to a death review team in conducting a death review;
- Facilitate communication between death review teams;
- Transmit information to the appropriate death review team regarding a deceased individual;
- Promulgate regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of the bill; and
- Submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly that includes a summary of reports from local death review teams and recommendations relating to the reduction of risk of death by suicide or overdose.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs does not currently require a positive drug test for an individual to receive treatment. Any additional costs incurred

by DOH to provide assistance and information to suicide and overdose death review teams should be accommodated within existing resources.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.