



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 944

PRINTERS NO. 1865

PRIME SPONSOR: E. Nelson

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 944, Printer's Number 1865, amends Article XXIII-A, Power and Duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Section 2301-A of the Administrative Code regarding notification when a patient leaves a drug and alcohol treatment facility against medical advice. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation requires a treatment facility to notify a patient's emergency contact, by a method consented to by the resident, within 12 hours when the patient leaves the treatment facility against medical advice. Treatment facilities are required to advise patients of the notification requirements. Notification to the emergency contact is not required if a patient has revoked consent or if the treatment facility has knowledge of allegations that the emergency contact has abused the patient. A treatment facility may not be held liable beyond the duties established by the legislation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

**PREPARED BY:** Nick McClure  
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**DATE:** June 25, 2021

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