



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1561

PRINTERS NO. 2317

PRIME SPONSOR: Farry

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1561, Printer's Number 2317, amends the Mental Health Procedures Act regarding confidentiality practices. This legislation is effective immediately upon enactment.

ANALYSIS: HB 1561 amends the Mental Health Procedures Act to allow covered entities to access certain information for the purposes of health care operations, treatment, and payment of mental health services. The definition of "covered entity" aligns with federal regulation and includes a health plan, a health care clearinghouse, or a health care provider who transmits any health information in electronic form in connection with a transaction.

The bill requires the Department of Human Services to promulgate regulations consistent with the provisions of the bill within 180 days of the effective date.

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

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DATE: November 9, 2021

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