

FISCAL NOTE

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| Bill No: | HB 596 | Printer's No: | 642 | Sponsor: | Heffley (R) |
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COST / (SAVINGS)

| Fund (s) | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
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| General Fund | See Fiscal Impact | See Fiscal Impact |

SUMMARY: This bill would require the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) to develop and administer an internet-based detoxification and addiction treatment bed registry.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 596 creates a freestanding Detoxification and Addiction Treatment Bed Registry Act. The bill requires DDAP to promulgate regulations and develop and administer an internet-based detoxification and addiction treatment bed registry for the purpose of collecting, aggregating, and displaying information about available beds at a licensed provider's facility for the treatment of individuals in need of detoxification and addiction treatment.

The registry must include the following:

1. Descriptive information, including contact information for each licensed provider;
2. Real-time information updated at least daily regarding the number of beds available at a licensed provider's facility;
3. For each available bed, the type of patient that may be admitted, the level of security provided and any other information necessary to allow for the identification of appropriate licensed providers for treatment of individuals in need of detoxification and addiction treatment must be listed; and
4. A search function must exist to identify available beds that are appropriate for the treatment of individuals experiencing a substance abuse emergency.

This bill also requires licensed providers to participate in the bed registry. The licensed provider must also designate an employee to report information for inclusion in the bed registry.

Finally, this proposal allows the department to enter into a contract with a private entity of the development and administration of the bed registry.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: Based on data from Iowa, Virginia and North Carolina, the costs associated with development and maintenance are estimated to cost between \$600,000 and \$1,100,000.