

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1203ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Tata

3. Committee: Passed both houses.

4. Title: Mental Health Care Coordinator; position created in DVS, report.

5. Summary: Creates a position of Suicide Prevention Coordinator under the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) to support and closely coordinate effective mental health care services for military service members and veterans and their families. The bill provides the duties of this position and requires the DVS Commissioner to include a summary of the work of the Coordinator in the annual report to the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, the Governor, and the General Assembly.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. Item 470 of the introduced budget (HB30/SB30) provides general fund support for a Suicide Prevention Coordinator position.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: Funding for the proposed position at the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) (\$145,833 the first year, \$175,000 the second year, and one FTE) is included in Item 470 of HB30/SB30. According to DVS, there are no other additional anticipated costs associated with the proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Veterans Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.