

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB361

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Stuart

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Marcus alert system; optional participation.

5. Summary: Provides that participation in the some portions of the Marcus Alert system shall be optional for localities with populations equal to or less than 40,000. All localities will still be required to develop protocols to divert calls from 9-1-1 to the crisis call center. Requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of Criminal Justice Services to convene a work group with representatives of each locality within the Commonwealth that has a population of less than or equal to 40,000 to identify barriers to establishment and implementation of Marcus Alert protocols.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would make local participation in the Marcus Alert system requirements for law enforcement to enter into agreements with mobile crisis or community care teams optional for localities with a population of 40,000 or less, possibly eliminating future costs. The most recent census data as reported by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia indicates that 44 counties and independent cities currently have populations exceeding 40,000, while 89 do not meet that threshold. At this time, it is not known how many localities that are not required to participate will opt in. The introduced budget includes a total of \$6.0 million per year for local Marcus Alert implementation, of which \$3.0 million is new starting in FY 2023. Each locality is supported with \$600,000 in state funds to help defray local costs of their participation, thus \$6.0 million annually will support ten localities, five of which began implementation in the current biennium with funding included in Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.