

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Stuart

3. Committee: Public Safety

4. Title: Marcus alert system; optional participation.

5. Summary: Provides a delay for law enforcement participation requirements of the Marcus alert system 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.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The substitute legislation would delay requirements for local participation in the Marcus Alert system related to law enforcement agreements with mobile crisis or community care teams for localities with a population of 40,000 or less to July 1, 2024. 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. 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. This legislation would not require additional funding.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to HB1191.