

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carriers – House: Reps. Tomei/Olson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Verger

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 20 – 1 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc: Richardson

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays: Walker

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 16, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates a voluntary database within the State Police Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) that provides information to assist law enforcement officers in identifying individuals in need of medical, mental health and social services. Directs the Department of Human Services to develop enrollment and revocation forms for submission of personal medical diagnosis, medication and contact information to the database. Identifies consent requirements for enrollment. Defines qualifying diagnosis that allows for registry.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost of database to State Police

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The precursor to HB 3466 (HB 2054) was the result of the efforts of state law enforcement officials, community mental health representatives, and clients of the mental health system and their families. After numerous high profile events involving individuals with mental illness, stakeholders agreed on the importance of three goals: (1) protection for at risk individuals in the community; (2) protection for officers working in the field; and (3) peace of mind for families of at risk individuals. HB 3466 expands the categories eligible for enrollment in the database as a result of ongoing discussion with system stakeholders.