

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5029

Psychiatric Security Review Board

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Lieber

HB 5029 is the budget bill for the Psychiatric Security Review Board. The Board’s mission is to ensure the safety of the public by supervising the progress and placement of individuals who are found guilty except for insanity in criminal proceedings. The Board monitors individuals under its jurisdiction, holds hearings, helps clients safely reintegrate into communities, and communicates with crime victims.

The Subcommittee approved a 2021-23 budget of \$3.9 million General Fund and 12 positions (12.00 FTE). The budget includes \$138,219 to provide Board members a stipend for the time they dedicate preparing for each hearing. As hearings have increased in both volume and complexity, the amount of time needed to prepare for them has increased as well. The budget also funds a new Administrative Specialist 2 position to support the agency’s response to its growing caseload. The position will provide additional support to the Board with respect to case hearings and perform administrative tasks currently done by employees whose responsibilities are focused on agency operations and policy.

The Subcommittee approved the Board’s key performance measures and targets without revision.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 5029 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.