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ADDENDUM

To Fiscal Note on
sHB-6877, File No. 632

AN ACT CONCERNING RISK PROTECTION ORDERS OR
WARRANTS AND DISQUALIFIERS FOR FIREARM PERMITS AND
ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES BASED ON TEMPORARY
COMMITMENT UNDER A PHYSICIAN'S EMERGENCY
CERTIFICATION.

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) associated with updating the voluntary admission tracking system (VATS) due to the prohibition on obtaining certain gun credentials if committed to a psychiatric hospital under a physician emergency certificate (PEC) for psychiatric treatment, within the prior six months.

VATS is a web-based application used by DMHAS to interface with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) licensing application to securely share the name and date of birth of relevant individuals. While the system currently supports voluntary psychiatric bed admissions, the bill extends the required tracking to PECs. This is anticipated to result in increased costs of approximately \$75,000 in FY 24 for system changes. DMHAS could also incur additional staffing costs of up to \$176,800 in FY 24 and \$181,200 in FY 25 (with associated fringe of \$252,500 and \$258,800, respectively) to manage the required tracking and associated training.