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Below are preliminary fiscal impacts for the bills on today's agenda. These estimates were prepared under a short time frame and could be revised after further analysis. For bills on the agenda with proposed substitutes, the fiscal impact is based on the substitute language.

B. Bills Referred from the Floor

1. **SB 14 - An Act Concerning the Claims Data Provided to Certain Employers** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 11)
2. **SB 800 - An Act Concerning a Pilot Program Allowing Emergency Medical Services Personnel to Provide Community-Based Health Care Services** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 637.
3. **SB 808 - An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Dispute Resolution Process for Surprise Bills and Bills for Emergency Services** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 438).
4. **sSB 1089 - An Act Concerning Mental Health Services** - *Proposed Substitute Language*

Section 1 may result in a savings to the state to the extent that a program is implemented which results in a net reduction in state costs related to mental health services for Medicaid clients. The state's Behavioral Health Partnership is currently charged with managing the state's mental services for public programs, including evaluating efficiencies and cost effectiveness.

Section 2 requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to annually report certain information for each provider of behavioral health services who receives funding from the state. While the agencies compile some of this information, additional costs could be incurred associated with annually obtaining and reporting additional detail for all providers. Depending on how this is implemented the state would incur costs associated with program monitoring and evaluation staff to administer the process at an annual salary of \$94,845 (with associated fringe of \$36,658), and potential costs for further IT and data development.

Section 3 establishes a grant program to provide funds to organizations that provide acute care and emergency behavioral health services. sHB 6824, the FY 16 and FY 17 budget bill, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, appropriated \$3 million in each year for this purpose.

Section 4 requires a study on the utilization and need for acute psychiatric care hospital beds, which is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as the relevant agencies have the expertise to do so.

5. **sSB 1109 - An Act Concerning Excessive Use of Force** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 644 and 758).
6. **sHB 7004 - An Act Concerning Implementation of the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study Service of Restraining Orders** - *Proposed Substitute Language*

The bill does not result in a cost to the state or municipalities. It requires the Judicial Department to 1) designate space within each Superior Court where restraining orders are issued for a state marshal and a person seeking service; 2) revise and simplify the process for filing a restraining order application and provide a one-page, plain language explanation of how to apply; and 3) collect data on various restraining and protective order information. As Judicial already collects this information, there is no cost to comply with the provisions of this bill.

7. **SB 175 - An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage for Patient Lifts** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 43)
8. **SB 1052 - An Act Concerning Maximum Allowable Cost Lists and Disclosures by Pharmacy Benefit Managers** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 448).