

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>SB 1613</b>   |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>Engrossed</b>   |
| <b>Request Number:</b> |  |
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| <b>Date:</b>           | <b>4/27/2022</b>   |
| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>No direct fiscal impact anticipated; not-for-profit foundation expected to fund provisions of measure</b> |

**Research Analysis**

SB 1613 creates a Mental Wellness Division within the Department of Public Safety. The Commissioner of Public Safety is to appoint a Director. The Division is to provide mental wellness services and programs to public safety personnel to promote good mental wellness. The measure states that employees and former of the Division are to maintain the privacy of all public safety personnel and prohibits privileged personal health information from ever being shared with the Commissioner or made public without the consent of the person. Aggregate mental health information may be shared with the Commissioner if doing so improves mental wellness policies. The measure creates the Mental Wellness Division Revolving Fund and allows for the establishment of a not-for-profit foundation to raise funds for the Mental Wellness Division Revolving Fund. The measure is to become effective 90 days after adjournment.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure, as engrossed, would require the Department of Public Safety to establish and maintain a Mental Wellness Division. The measure would require the Commissioner of Public Safety to appoint a Director of the Mental Wellness division. The measure would create a Mental Wellness Division Revolving Fund for use by the Mental Wellness Division. The measure would authorize the creation of a not-for-profit foundation to raise funds for the Mental Wellness Division Revolving Fund.

Upon review, no direct fiscal impact to the state is anticipated from passage of the measure. The Department of Public Safety is expected to utilize existing budget resources to fulfill its duties described in the measure, and the not-for-profit foundation authorized in the measure is expected to raise funds necessary to implement the provisions of the measure.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

