

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 2060

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

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3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Health; local health partnership authorities

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill provides for the creation of a local health partnership authority representing single or multiple jurisdictions for the purpose of community health assessment and health care service delivery in order to achieve efficiencies and reduce duplication. The bill provides the basic outline for a local authority with provisions for membership, a board of directors, meeting and voting requirements and an outline of powers and duties. The authority would have to be approved by each participating locality by ordinance, resolution or agreement only after a public hearing has been held. The bill also has provisions that (i) allow for the disclosure of medical records, after consent by the patient, to the authority to allow for health care services to be provided, (ii) protect volunteers who are licensed professionals when providing services under the auspices of such authority from civil liability when such services are performed without gross negligence or willful misconduct, and (iii) exempt authorities in the conduct of their work from the state procurement act. The State Department of Health shall choose one single or multi-jurisdictional effort that has been operating a community health program under a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson and Kellogg Foundations to act as a pilot for this concept. The pilot would sunset on July 1, 2003, at which time the State Department of Health would evaluate the program and make recommendations for its continuation and for changes necessary in the program and statute. The pilot authority and any subsequent authorities have to make annual reports to the Department of Health.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are tentative

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	\$75,000	-	GF
2002-03	\$75,000	-	GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item #308

8. Fiscal implications: Assuming a pilot partnership implementation in a single jurisdiction, the Virginia Department of Health would need to hire or contract for staff support to the initiative, provide technical assistance and evaluation expertise. A contractual approach is recommended as long as the program remains a pilot implementation. The annual cost for such contract support is estimated at up to \$75,000.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Department of Health

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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