

## Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB1200

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

**2. Patron** Forbes

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title** Health Care Coverage; Infant Hearing Screenings

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

This bill requires health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and corporations providing subscription contracts for health care coverage to provide coverage for infant hearing screenings and certain other audiological examinations. These requirements are also made applicable to the state's health care coverage plan for state employees and to the state plan for medical assistance (Medicaid).

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final**

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	\$0	0.0	GF
2000-01	\$0	0.0	NGF
2001-02	\$68,656	0.0	GF
2001-02	\$43,344	0.0	NGF
2002-03	\$68,656	0.0	GF
2002-03	\$43,344	0.0	NGF

6b. Revenue Impact: None

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, for 2002, \$68,656 (GF) in Item 543, central appropriations.

**8. Fiscal implications:**

***Department of Medical Assistance Services***

This bill has no fiscal impact on the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS). Medicaid already covers the services prescribed in this bill. In addition, DMAS mandates all Medicaid health maintenance organizations (HMOs) to cover these services. While DMAS is not fiscally impacted by the requirements of this bill, it is nonetheless concerned about Medicaid benefits being mandated in the Code of Virginia.

***Department of Human Resources Management***

This bill would cause the employer share of health insurance premiums to increase by approximately \$112,000 in both FY 2002 and FY 2003. Given the current GF/NGF ratio, that means that state

agencies would experience an increase in their premiums of \$68,656 (GF) and the non-state agencies would experience a premium increase of \$43,344 (NGF).

In addition to the impact listed for state agencies, there will be an impact to localities enrolled in the Local Choice program administered by the department.

At the close of the 2001 regular session of the General Assembly, neither the House nor the Senate had included any budget amendments in their respective budget versions that would cover the cost of this legislation. Any new coverage cannot be absorbed by the health insurance fund.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Both state and non-state agencies

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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