

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB 158

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Potts

**3. Committee** Education and Health

**4. Title** Dissemination of Medicare pharmaceutical benefits information

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

This bill requires the Commissioners of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department for the Aging (Aging), as funding is available, to disseminate information to the public relating to recent congressional actions relating to pharmaceutical benefits to be provided under the Medicare program and how such benefits may help senior citizens with the costs of pharmaceutical benefits. This bill also requires the Commissioners to develop a strategy, in coordination with the Virginia Area Agencies on Aging, for disseminating information to the public concerning the availability of pharmaceutical assistance programs and for training senior citizen volunteers to assist in completing applications for pharmaceutical assistance programs and pharmaceutical discount purchasing cards.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** This bill as it is currently written does not result in a fiscal impact because implementation is dependent upon funding availability.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Medical Assistance Services

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources