

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number SB 223

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Marsh

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Health statistics and vital records.

5. Summary/Purpose:

SB 223 would delete the requirement that any statement indicating racial designation be omitted from reports of divorces and annulments required to be filed by the clerk of court with the State Registrar regarding a final decree of divorce or annulment, and in marriage and adoption records. Information pertaining to racial designation is essential in establishing health histories, and in conducting anthropological, sociological, and genealogical research, particularly among racial and ethnic minority persons.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

The Virginia Department of Health's Division of Vital Records may incur a minimal cost to include a racial designation field in appropriate reporting formats. However, the cost is one-time in nature and is not expected to be significant enough to warrant consideration of a budget amendment.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Virginia Department of Health

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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c: Secretary of Health and Human Resources

