

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2713E

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

2. **Patron:** Morgan, H.

3. **Committee:** Committee on General Laws.

4. **Title:** Telecommunications Relay Service.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This bill allows money in the state Telecommunications Relay Service fund to be used to purchase equipment for use by hearing-impaired persons using the Relay service. The Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, with the assistance of the State Corporation Commission, administers the telecommunications relay service for text telephones.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:**

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2004-05	\$0	0	NGF
2005-06	\$305,000	0	NGF
2006-07	\$305,000	0	NGF
2007-08	\$305,000	0	NGF
2008-09	\$305,000	0	NGF
2009-10	\$431,000	0	NGF
2010-11	\$431,000	0	NGF

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes. Section 1-88, Item #304.

8. **Fiscal implications:** As a result of this bill, Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (VDDHH) Technology Assistance Program (TAP) funding for the purchase of TTYs, Voice CarryOver Phones, Hearing Carry Over Phones and CapTel Phones would come from the Telecommunications Relay fund rather than general fund.

This change will not reduce the level of general fund dollars needed for TAP, as this program has operated on a waiting list for six of the past seven years and the demand for non-Relay related equipment is expected to continue to grow.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; State Corporation Commission.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** None.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources