

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** SB1032

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Lambert

**3. Committee**    Finance

**4. Title**            Mandated coverage for treatment of morbid obesity.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Requires health insurers, health maintenance organizations, corporations providing health care coverage subscription contracts, and the state health insurance plan to provide coverage for treatment of morbid obesity.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The Department of Medical Assistance Services indicates that this bill will not impact the services they provide to Virginians. In addition, the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) indicates that there is no impact to the health insurance plans they administer for state employees and certain local employees as these plans already include such coverage. This bill may adversely impact local governments that are not enrolled in the Local Choice program administered by DHRM to the extent that their health plans do not include such coverage. This bill could also increase the cost of health premiums for health plans provided to employees of private sector entities.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** All political subdivisions that provide health insurance to their employees.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** This bill is identical to HB1936.

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cc: Secretary of Administration