

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 857

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

2. Patron: Howell

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Adult Fatality Review Team

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill establishes an Adult Fatality Review Team and sets forth its duties, reporting and confidentiality requirements, and membership composition. The bill requires the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS), in coordination with the Chief Medical Examiner and other state and local agencies, to develop a team to review suspicious deaths of certain adults and create a body of information to help prevent future fatalities. The death of any incapacitated adult aged 18 or older or any adult aged 60 or over who was the subject of an adult protective service investigation or a death believed to be due to abuse or neglect will be reviewed. All reviews by the team are to be initiated only at the conclusion of law enforcement investigation or criminal prosecution.

The 15-member team, co-chaired by the Commissioner and the Medical Examiner, includes representatives from multidisciplinary state, local, and private organizations and agencies. All information obtained or generated will remain confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Upon conclusion of review, all information will be destroyed.

By October 1 of each year, the team is required to compile an annual report for the Governor and the General Assembly to include any policy, regulatory, or budgetary recommendations developed by the team. As a result of its investigation of suspicious deaths, the Adult Fatality Review Team is expected to identify preventable deaths, determine gaps in service and coordination, and recommend improvements in policy, legislation, procedures, and best practices to prevent future fatalities.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2004-05	-	-	-
2005-06	\$95,000	1.0	GF
2006-07	\$89,000	1.0	GF
2007-08	\$89,000	1.0	GF
2008-09	\$89,000	1.0	GF
2009-10	\$89,000	1.0	GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 308, program 403.

8. Fiscal implications: The costs associated with the Adult Fatality Review Team are based on the assumption that the team will review 200 cases annually and meet six times. Funding of \$95,000 is required in FY 2006 for the administrative costs associated with the team. Of this amount, \$76,800 will fund a full-time geriatric nurse coordinator position to collect, interpret, and summarize applicable cases for consideration and action by the team. The annual salary requirement is estimated at \$60,000, with \$16,800 in fringe benefits. The costs associated with the work of the team, including meeting expenses and report generation and printing are estimated at \$12,200 annually. One-time funding of \$6,000 in FY 2006 is included for the purchase of office furniture, computer equipment, and initial training.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Social Services, Virginia
Department of Health

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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