

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB519

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

2. Patron Puckett

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Designation as rural hospital.

5. Summary/Purpose: Designation as rural hospital. Establishes in state law that any hospital that was designated a Medicare-dependent small rural hospital, as defined in 42 U.S.C. §1395ww(d)(5)(G)(iv) prior to October 1, 2004, shall be designated a rural hospital pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1395ww(d)(8)(E)(ii)(II) on and after September 30, 2004. For purposes of Medicare, reimbursement for hospitals designated as Medicare-dependent small rural hospitals is calculated through a different mechanism than for other hospitals.

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: None.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: This provision already exists in budget language, Chapter 951 (2005 Acts of Assembly).

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources