

Department of Planning and Budget

2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2158

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: John M. O'Bannon, III

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Adult Fatality Review Team; duties; membership; confidentiality; penalties; report, etc.

5. Summary/Purpose: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health and the Chief Medical Examiner to develop an Adult Fatality Review Team (Team) to review suspicious deaths of adults in order to create a body of information to help prevent similar fatalities. The Team is charged with reviewing the death of any incapacitated adult of age 18 or older, and any adult of age 60 or older (i) who was the subject of an adult protective services investigation, or (ii) whose death was due to abuse or neglect or acts that suggest abuse or neglect, or (iii) whose death came under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner pursuant to § 32.1-283. The bill sets forth duties, membership, confidentiality, reporting, and other requirements for the Team. The bill also exempts any information acquired during a review from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:

Expenditure Impact:

	<i>Dollars</i>		
<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>NGF</i>	<i>Positions</i>
2006-07	\$0	\$	0.00
2007-08	\$94,000	\$	1.00
2008-09	\$91,000	\$	1.00
2009-10	\$91,000	\$	1.00
2010-11	\$91,000	\$	1.00
2011-12	\$91,000	\$	1.00

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item # 287 – Medical Examiner and Anatomical Services (40302)

8. Fiscal implications: The Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) advises that implementation of the legislation would require an additional \$94,000 GF appropriation. The estimate is based on the following expenditures:

- \$76,000 salary and benefits for 1.0 FTE Adult Fatality Review Team Coordinator. Responsible for collection, interpretation, and summarization of medical records and

other records related to these death cases to prepare them for review by the Team. The ideal candidate for this position is a person with a degree and considerable experience in geriatric nursing.

- \$12,000 to cover costs associated with producing an annual report, expenses for Team meetings (six meetings a year), and travel and parking reimbursement expenses for Team members.
- \$3,000 to cover training expenses for the Adult Fatality Review Team Coordinator, to travel to national and regional conferences.
- \$3,000 one time expense to purchase office equipment and furniture.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: No

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources