

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 2393E

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

**2. Patron:** Samuel A. Nixon, Jr.

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Medical Examiner's reports and findings

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Requires that all Medical Examiner's reports shall be confidential and not available for discovery except as provided. The Chief Medical Examiner shall release the autopsy report concerning a prisoner committed to any local correctional facility to the local sheriff or superintendent. The engrossed bill also allows the Chief Medical Examiner to release the autopsy report to the decedent's attending physician and to the personal representative or executor of the decedent. If no personal representative or executor is appointed, then the autopsy report can be released at the discretion of the Chief Medical Examiner.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** None

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

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** No

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources