Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB290-ER

House of Origin	_	Introduced	 Substitute		Engrossed
Second House		In Committee	 Substitute	X	Enrolled

- 2. Patron: Barker
- 3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title Advance Health Care Directive Registry; creation

- **5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill, as amended, requires the Department of Health to create and maintain a secure online central registry for advance health care directives. The Board of Health shall promulgate regulations specifying who may access the registry and appropriate filing fees.
- 6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: No fiscal impact.
- 7. Budget amendment necessary: No.
- 8. Fiscal implications: No.
- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Department of Health
- 10. Technical amendment necessary: No.
- **11. Other comments:** Previous issued fiscal impact statements indicated that in order to establish and maintain the registry, the agency would require additional funding, which would be supported through the collection of fees established in the bill. The amended legislation authorizes the Department of Health "to accept, hold, administer, and solicit grants, gifts, bequests, contributions or other assistance entirely from federal, local, or other private sources for the purpose of making the registry available and the Department shall make the registry available to the public by contracting with an appropriate vendor, directing the public to an existing registry maintained by another entity, or by entering into a public-private partnership." The legislation, as amended, would not have an expenditure impact upon the agency.

The Department may also collect fees; however, the number of fees collected is restricted and is not expected to generate a significant amount of revenue.

This bill is a companion to HB 805.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources