

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB344

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

2. Patron: Blevins

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: **Emergency Medical Services Plan; Stroke Triage Plan.**

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Health to develop and maintain as a component of the Emergency Medical Services Plan a statewide pre-hospital and inter-hospital Stroke Triage Plan designed to promote rapid access for stroke patients to appropriate, organized stroke care. The Plan shall include formal regional stroke triage plans, which shall be reviewed triennially.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>NGF</i>	<i>Positions</i>
2008	-	-	0.0
2009	-	\$ 125,000	1.00
2010	-	\$ 173,000	2.00
2011	-	\$ 173,000	2.00
2012	-	\$ 173,000	2.00
2013	-	\$ 173,000	2.00

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The implementation of a statewide Stroke Triage Plan through formal regional stroke triage plans will have initial start up costs as well as on-going cost to analyze data on patient outcomes and, to revise designation criteria triennially to maintain the program. There are potential fiscal implications in the development of data reporting and analysis to enable the Board of Health to revise the stroke center criteria to incorporate accepted changes in medical practice or to respond to needs indicated by analyses of data on patient outcomes. To enable this to occur, modifications to existing information management reporting systems (i.e., Trauma Reporting System) would be necessary. The extent of these modifications and associated costs would be determined during the establishment of the uniform set of proposed criteria for designation of the “primary stroke center”. The fiscal impact of the legislation is based on the following expenditures:

- \$55,000 for salary and benefits for one position that will be responsible for coordinating and managing the implementation of the Plan;
- \$45,000 annually for salary and benefits, and a three percent salary adjustment is provided beginning in FY 2010 for an additional position will be to serve as the data analyst; and

- \$70,000 estimated for annual expenditures related to the development of the regional stroke plans.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Health

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Legislation is similar to HB 479.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources