

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB396

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

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Health care costs; estimates and average costs

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Health to post on its website a list of the average costs for 25 common outpatient procedures performed at each licensed hospital. Also the measure requires hospitals to provide upon request a written estimate of the total costs reasonably expected to be billed to a patient for non-emergency care.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: No.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The Department of Health will not incur any expenditure related to positing the average costs for 25 common outpatient procedures performed at each licensed hospital on its website.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources