

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB396-ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

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 legislation authorizes the Commissioner to contract with a nonprofit in order to produce an annual survey, which is subject to Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) reporting, to determine the reimbursement that is paid for the minimum of 25 of the most frequently reported health care services. Any expenditure related to the legislation can be absorbed by the Department of Health due to its existing contract with the nonprofit organization Virginia Health Information (VHI).

This is a companion to HB 603.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources