

Department of Planning and Budget

2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2453

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

2. Patron: Sickles, Mark D.

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Electronic prescribing; Secretary of Health and Human Services, etc. to establish a website

5. Summary: Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Technology, to establish a website to disseminate information about electronic prescribing to health practitioners, including information about low-cost and no-cost electronic prescribing products, and information about federal, state, and private sector electronic prescribing initiatives. Beginning in 2010, any health practitioner who contracts with the Commonwealth for the provision of health services would be required to utilize electronic prescribing, and the Department of Medical Assistance Services is directed to develop programs and incentives to encourage the adoption of electronic prescribing by Medicaid providers.

6. Minimal Fiscal Impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would require the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to establish a website to disseminate information about electronic prescribing to health practitioners. Based on the requirements outlined in this bill, it is assumed that the website would be static (only the provision of information and links to other sources) in nature with no need for user interactivity. Therefore, it is further assumed that such a basic website could be designed and hosted by Virginia.gov under the existing state contract with minimal additional costs.

In addition, there is no significant fiscal impact associated with the bill's requirement on Department of Medical Assistance Services to adopt programs and incentives to encourage its providers to electronically prescribe.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources
Office of the Secretary of Technology
Department of Health Professions
Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources