

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2458-ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: O'Bannon

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: **Posting of charity care policies**

5. Summary: Requires all hospitals to provide written information about the hospital's charity care policies, including policies related to free and discounted care in public areas of the hospital including admissions or registration areas, emergency departments, and associated waiting rooms. The bill further provides that information about eligibility criteria and procedures for applying for charity care shall be provided to patients at the time of admission or discharge, at the time services are provided, with any billing statements, and on any website maintained by the hospital.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The legislation does not have a fiscal impact for the Virginia Department of Health. Any costs associated with this legislation are to be paid by hospitals.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources