

Department of Planning and Budget

2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1154

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

2. Patron: McDougle

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Copying costs of medical bills or charges

5. Summary: The proposed legislation exempts patients, hospitals, ambulance services, nursing facilities, physician or other health care provider from any charges on requests for itemized listing of patient's account balance or charges.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Line 8.

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	(\$26,400)	NGF
2010	(\$26,400)	NGF
2011	(\$26,400)	NGF
2012	(\$26,400)	NGF
2013	(\$26,400)	NGF
2014	(\$26,400)	NGF
2015	(\$26,400)	NGF

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to officials at the University of Virginia and the VCU Medical Center, both charge fifty cents (\$.50) for each page up to 50 pages and twenty-five cents (\$.25) a page thereafter for copies from paper or other hard copies. Additionally, the UVA Medical Center charges one dollar (\$1) per page for copies from microfilm or other micrographic process, plus all postage, shipping, and a search and handling fee not to exceed \$10. In total, the UVA Medical Center estimates it would lose about \$25,000 per year while VCU Medical Center estimates it would lose about \$1,400 annually. In addition at UVA Medical Center, the revenue partially supports one position dealing solely with requests from attorneys' offices.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

University of Virginia Medical Center
Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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