

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB 1448

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Watkins

3. **Committee** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title** Repeal of the Virginia Indigent Health Care Trust Fund

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The bill repeals the Virginia Indigent Health Care Trust Fund.. The fund was created July 1, 1989, as a public/private partnership involving the state government and private acute care hospitals in the state in an effort to equalize the burden of charity care among the hospitals. The purpose of the fund is to reimburse hospitals for part of the cost of charity care. Payments from the fund go to acute care hospitals that have provided charity care in excess of the median level of charity care costs, as provided by all acute care hospitals in the state. It is funded by an appropriation from the state and contributions from hospitals that provide charity care at levels below the median charity care costs for all hospitals.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Final.

Expenditure Impact:

(Item 307 Subprogram 45901)

Fiscal Year	Dollars	Positions	Fund
2009	\$0	0.0	GF
2009	\$0	0.0	NGF
2010	(\$4,285,831)	0.0	GF
2010	(\$3,200,000)	0.0	NGF
2011	(\$4,285,831)	0.0	GF
2011	(\$3,200,000)	0.0	NGF
2012	(\$4,285,831)	0.0	GF
2012	(\$3,200,000)	0.0	NGF
2013	(\$4,285,831)	0.0	GF
2013	(\$3,200,000)	0.0	NGF
2014	(\$4,285,831)	0.0	GF
2014	(\$3,200,000)	0.0	NGF

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No, the elimination of the fund and the reduction in appropriation are reflected in the introduced budget bill (HB1600/SB 850).

8. **Fiscal implications:** This bill reflects action taken in the introduced budget to eliminate the Virginia Indigent Health Care Trust Fund. The state appropriation of \$4.3 million general fund and the special fund appropriation (which are the payments paid by hospitals to the fund) of \$3.2 million are eliminated.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: 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