

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB 1497

House of Origin	<u>  X  </u>	Introduced	<u>      </u>	Substitute	<u>      </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u>      </u>	In Committee	<u>      </u>	Substitute	<u>      </u>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Barker

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Virginia Network for Geospatial Health Research Authority; created

**5. Summary:** Creates the Virginia Network for Geospatial Health Research Authority, as a body politic and corporate, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, to provide for the continuity and expansion of research both within the public and private sectors using geospatial analysis of health and health care relevant data, develop economies of scale within state health agencies and within public health programs within the Commonwealth's universities, provide geospatial analytical support to other political subdivisions concerned with cost-effective targeting of public health initiatives, and engage in such other lawful activities as the Board of Directors of the Authority deems reasonable and appropriate. The bill exempts the Authority from the Virginia Personnel Act, the Workforce Transition Act, FOIA, the APA, the Public Procurement Act, and all taxation.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item #8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** To be determined.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill creates the Virginia Network for Geospatial Health Research Authority. The Authority will be financially self sufficient by seeking grant funds and providing contractual services. However, any contractual services provided by the Authority to health agencies could be at a cost to that agency. Without knowing specific services or policies and procedures that will be established by the Board, it is not possible to quantify the costs at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Health, Board of Health, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, major universities and state medical schools

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** No.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources