Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

l.	Bill Number	r: SB 410					
	House of Orig	in	Introduced		Substitute	X	Engrossed
	Second House		In Committee		Substitute		Enrolled
2.	Patron:	Vogel					
3.	Committee:	Passed Senate					
1.	Title:	State aging services; blueprint for livable communities and long-term services and supports for older Virginians and people with disabilities					

5. Summary: The bill adds a requirement for the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to coordinate and develop a blueprint for livable communities and long-term services and supports for older Virginians and people with disabilities. The blueprint shall be submitted to the Governor and General Assembly by June 30, 2011. In addition, the bill amends provisions relating to the development by the Virginia Department for the Aging (VDA) of the four-year plan for aging services. The four-year plan shall be submitted every four years beginning June 30, 2013. The department must also make biennial updates beginning October 1, 2011.

The bill also provides that statistical data for public guardianship and conservator programs shall be submitted to the General Assembly by January 1 of each even-numbered year, as opposed to annually. The data must also be posted on VDA's website. Furthermore, the bill changes the reporting requirements for the Alzheimer's and Disease and Related Disorders Commission so that the commission must submit an electronic report each year on their activities and recommendations to VDA. VDA shall post the report on it's website.

The Commonwealth Council for Aging is expanded from 23 to 24 members with the newest member designated as the President of the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

The strategic planning process for the Commonwealth is altered to correspond with the four-year plan developed by VDA. Every state agency must report on the impact of the aging of the population on their agency on a four-year cycle as opposed to annually.

Lastly, the bill also repeals the authority for Campbell County to contract with the Area Agency on Aging designated to serve the County to provide certain services specified by federal law.

- 6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminable.
- 7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill will have a minimal fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. It does add a new requirement on the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to develop a blueprint for livable communities and long-term care supports for older Virginians and people with disabilities. However, the Secretary will be able to rely on the agencies that report to him to serve as staff to fulfill this requirement. The agencies already have plans and reports that will make the impact of this requirement minimal.

The bill also changes some reporting requirements to make them less onerous on state agencies and boards. The only other impact the bill has is that it adds one more member to the Council for Aging so their would be minimal costs of adding a new member (i.e. travel costs, etc.)

The net affect of all the changes of this bill is considered to have a minimal impact to the Commonwealth. The agencies impacted will be able to handle the changes in requirements without any additional resources.

- **9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Virginia Department for the Aging, and all state agencies that report on the impact of the aging population as part of the strategic planning process.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
- 11. Other Comments: HB 410, introduced by Delegate Rust, is a companion bill.

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