

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 306

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

2. Patron: O'Bannon

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Disclosure of adverse medical outcomes; pilot program**

5. Summary: Creates a pilot program to assess the creation of disclosure programs in health care facilities designed to facilitate disclosures of adverse medical outcomes between health care providers and patients. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) shall adopt guidelines concerning the standards for such disclosure programs. Participating health care facilities are required to assess any such program and make reports to the Department of Health. The pilot program sunsets on December 31, 2015.

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

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2010	\$0	0.00	
2011	\$262,860	3.00	GF
2012	\$0	0.00	
2013	\$0	0.00	
2014	\$0	0.00	
2015	\$0	0.00	
2016	\$0	0.00	

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 285 (Health Research, Planning, and Coordination) in HB/SB 30.

8. Fiscal Implications: The activities and responsibilities set out in this bill would represent an entirely new undertaking for VDH. VDH does not currently have the necessary staff expertise or resources to develop or implement the pilot project called for by this bill; particularly within the very short timeframes (i.e. five months) established in the bill.

Additional resources will be needed to hire/contract staff in order to conduct and coordinate activities necessary to develop the plan for the pilot project within the specified timeframe. Staff will be needed to perform the following types of activities: provide overall coordination to pilot project development; organize and staff an Advisory Committee of key stakeholders; facilitate periodic meetings of the Advisory Committee; conduct an environmental scan, which will include structured interviews and surveys of key stakeholders; select and develop appropriate data collection tools; performing initial data collection and analysis in order to

inform development of the plan; preparing draft guidelines and standards to be used to implement the pilot program; identify resource needs to support actual plan implementation; identify potential sources of public and private grant funding to support actual plan implementation, and draft and revise the plan.

Up to three project staff – which will be either restricted or contract positions – will be required in order to appropriately perform these activities within the time frames required by the bill. While these staff will have overlapping responsibilities, primary staff assignments would be as follows: One staff position will be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Advisory Committee, including facilitation and staffing of all Advisory Committee meetings. Another staff position will be responsible for conducting interviews, surveys and other research activities as part of the environmental scan. A third staff position will be responsible for drafting and revising as necessary the pilot project planning document.

The cost for each project staff position is \$245,700 (\$189,000 plus 30 percent in fringe benefits). The expenditure impact also includes \$6,000 for the purchase of equipment for each position, \$1,800 for supplies, \$2,160 for telephone services, \$1,800 for postage/mail services, \$1,800 for general office copying, and \$3,600 for computer services.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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