

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 976ER

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Whipple

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Nursing homes; information regarding family councils

**5. Summary:** Provides that the State Board of Health shall require each nursing home and certified nursing facility to, upon the request of the facility's family council, send notices and information about the family council prepared by the family council and provided to the facility for such purpose to the listed responsible party or a contact person of the resident's choice at least bimonthly. Such notices may be included together with a monthly billing statement or other regular communication sent to a resident's family member or other responsible party.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item #8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Nursing homes and nursing facilities may incur some costs as a result of having to prepare and send notices about the family council to the responsible party or the contact person of the resident's choice on a bimonthly basis. This legislation does not have a fiscal impact for the Virginia Department of Health or any other state agency.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is a companion to HB 1818.

**Date:** 2/21/2011

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