

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB462-ER

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

2. **Patron:** Byron

3. **Committee:** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title:** Abortion; informed consent

5. **Summary:** Requires that, as a component of informed consent to an abortion, to determine gestational age, every pregnant female shall undergo transabdominal ultrasound imaging and be given an opportunity to view the ultrasound image of her fetus prior to the abortion. The medical professional performing the ultrasound must obtain written certification from the woman that the opportunity was offered and whether the woman availed herself of the opportunity to see the ultrasound image or hear the fetal heartbeat. A copy of the ultrasound and the written certification shall be maintained in the woman's medical records at the facility where the abortion is to be performed. The ultrasound is not required if the woman is the victim of rape or incest and the incident was reported to law enforcement. This bill incorporates HB261.

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

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

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2012	\$0	0.00	
2013	\$20,800	0.00	GF
2014	\$0	0.00	
2015	\$0	0.00	
2016	\$0	0.00	
2017	\$0	0.00	
2018	\$0	0.00	

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) distributes over 25,000 family planning guides annually. These guides are printed in both English and Spanish. New Virginia Guide to Family Planning, Genetics, and Social Services booklets would need to be produced to incorporate the requirements of this bill. The cost to print both English and Spanish versions would cost approximately \$19,000 annually. The annual distribution expenses for both versions are \$1,800. The initial start-up costs to print and distribute the guide would be \$20,800. The agency has indicated that it can absorb this expense.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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c: Secretary of Health and Human Resources