

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB451

<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:** Vogel

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act; regulation of medical assistance.

**5. Summary:** SB 451 makes several changes to the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act (VFATA) and the laws governing the Attorney General's duties with regard to the regulation of medical assistance, including (i) exempting certain information furnished to the Attorney General from disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, (ii) imposing a three-year statute of limitations on claims for employer retaliation under the VFATA, (iii) permitting the Attorney General to share information obtained as part of a VFATA investigation with other state and federal governmental entities, (iv) allowing the Attorney General to propound interrogatories as part of an investigation of services furnished under medical assistance, and (v) requiring health care entities to disclose records to the Attorney General in connection with such investigations.

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

**7. No Fiscal Impact;** see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Office of the Attorney General reports this bill will not have a fiscal impact on agency operations. The bill is considered housekeeping and simplifies and clarifies existing practices.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**  
Office of the Attorney General

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None