

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB826

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

2. Patron: Garrett

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Funding for certain abortions

5. Summary: Repeals the section authorizing the Board of Health to fund abortions for women who meet the financial eligibility criteria of the State Plan for Medical Assistance in cases in which a physician certifies that he believes that the fetus would be born with a gross and totally incapacitating physical deformity or mental deficiency.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal implications of this bill cannot be determined at this time since the number of abortions and costs vary each year. According to the Virginia Department of Health, the agency has expended a total of \$21,537 pursuant to Section 32.1-02.2 of the Code of Virginia over the past three years. The total expended for abortions resulting from fetal anomalies in FY 2010 was \$14,208; in FY 2011 the total was \$2,784; and in FY 2012 the total was \$4,545. The proposed legislation could create an average cost savings of \$7,179 annually for the department. The expense for such abortions includes fees for a surgeon (if applicable), anesthesia, and the hospital facility.

Funding for the aforementioned abortions comes from special funds within the agency's Office of Family Health Services. There is no state general fund dedicated to paying for these abortions.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Health and Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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c: Secretary of Health and Human Resources