

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1205

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: O'Bannon, John M. III

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Secretary of Health and Human Resources; increase sharing of electronic health records; report

5. Summary: The proposed legislation directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to work with stakeholders, which shall include representatives of hospitals and other health care providers in the Commonwealth, to (i) evaluate interoperability of electronic health records systems among health systems and health care providers and the ability of health systems and health care providers to share patient records in electronic format and (ii) develop recommendations for improving the ability of health systems and health care providers to share electronic health records with the goal of ensuring that all health care providers in the Commonwealth are able to share electronic health information to reduce the cost of health care and improve the efficiency of health care services. The Secretary shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by December 1, 2016. The bill contains an emergency clause.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Minimal Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: It is assumed that the OSHHR could develop the report, as required by the bill, with existing resources. However, the scope of the activities called for in the bill would be limited to the input gained from relevant state employees and participating stakeholders. In addition, the plan's depth may be limited by the timeframe called for in the bill. The OSHHR maintains that a more thorough and comprehensive plan would require additional time and potentially funding to procure outside expertise and analytics.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources
Department of Social Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This statement only takes into account the impact of implementing the provisions of HB 1205. Should multiple bills calling for similar resource commitments be enacted, the cumulative impact could have fiscal implications.

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