

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB290

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| <b>House of Origin</b> | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Enrolled  |

**2. Patron:** Herring

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Prescription Monitoring Program; indicators of misuse, disclosure of information.

**5. Summary:** Directs the Director of the Department of Health Professions to develop criteria for indicators of unusual patterns of prescribing or dispensing of covered substances by prescribers or dispensers and authorizes the Director to disclose information about the unusual prescriber or dispensing of a covered substance by an individual prescriber or dispenser to (i) the Enforcement Division of the Department of Health Professions or (ii) an agent who has completed the Virginia State Police Drug Diversion School designated by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police or designated by the chief law-enforcement officer of any county, city, or town or campus police department for the purpose of an investigation into possible drug diversion.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Minimal, See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The development of criteria could result in an increase in the number of cases investigated; however the agency has stated that the additional workload could be absorbed by existing staff.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.