

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB594

<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:** Alexander

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Electronic registration of certificates of death.

**5. Summary:** Requires electronic filing of certificates of death, including the medical certification portion, using the electronic death registration system established by the Department of Health.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item #8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The proposed legislation makes modifications to the Electronic Death Registration System and the proposed changes are estimated to require 40 working days (320 hours) at \$90 per hour for development and unit testing for a total of \$28,800. The fiscal impact of this legislation on VDH's local health districts is uncertain. In the event a death certificate can be filed at any local health district, additional FTEs may be required in order to fulfill all requests. However at this time, we have no information on which to base an estimate.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** HB1086, introduced by Delegate Villaneuva, is similar to this bill. The Virginia Funeral Directors Association, Virginia Mortician Association, Independent Funeral Homes of Virginia, Medical Society of Virginia, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, and Virginia College of Emergency Physicians may also be affected.