Department of Planning and Budget
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB 1567

House of Origin	☒ Introduced	☐ Substitute	☐ Engrossed
Second House	☐ In Committee	☐ Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:**   Orrock, Robert D. Sr.

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

4. **Title:**   Medicaid applications; information about advance directives

5. **Summary:** The proposed legislation requires all entities approved by the Board of Medical Assistance Services to receive applications and to determine eligibility for medical assistance to provide each applicant for medical assistance with information about advance directives pursuant to Article 8 (§§54.1-2981 et seq.) of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1, including information about the purpose and benefits of advance directives and how the applicant may make an advance directive.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No

7. **Minimal Fiscal Impact**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is assumed that the provisions of this bill would be accomplished by including the required information on advance directives with current automated mailings. The Department of Social Services (DSS) sends a letter to all public assistance (including Medicaid) applicants informing them of their eligibility determination. Based on the provisions of this bill, a one-page informational sheet could be added to this mailing at a minimal cost, approximately $15,000.

   It is further assumed that the bill does not require local departments of social services or the Cover Virginia Call Center to provide any customer or information referral services with regard to advance directives. Should these workers be expected to answer applicants' questions on advance directives there would be additional staffing and training costs such that a budget amendment would be necessary.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**
   Department of Social Services
   Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None

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