

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 1347

<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:** Webert

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

**4. Title:** Reporting of controlled substance overdoses

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to establish a system to collect and analyze data and information about overdoses of controlled substances from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, every law-enforcement agency, emergency medical services agency and hospital, and every medical facility to which a person is transported in response to an emergency call for a suspected or actual overdose of a controlled substance in the Commonwealth. The Secretary must designate a method for making such reports, which may include the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program or other similar program. Data and information collected by the Secretary pursuant to this section shall be made available to public health, law-enforcement, and emergency medical service agencies and fire departments and companies in each county and city within 120 hours of receiving such information.

The Secretary must also provide a quarterly report to the Governor regarding information received pursuant to this section. Such report shall be made available to every public health, law-enforcement, and emergency medical services agency in the Commonwealth. Information contained in such report shall be used to maximize the utilization of funding programs for emergency medical services agencies and for the dissemination of available federal, state, and private funds for local substance abuse services.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, See Item 8.

**7. Fiscal Impact Is Indeterminate:** See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposal requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to establish a system to collect, analyze and make available specified data related to overdoses. Every law-enforcement agency, emergency medical services agency, hospital, and medical facility as well as the medical examiner must both provide and have access to this data within 120 hours. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources must determine the method of data collection and sharing.

The Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources does not have adequate staff or the necessary information technology systems to implement the required provisions of this

bill. It is assumed that the system described in this legislation would require the creation of a new database system in order to receive, store, maintain, analyze, and share substance abuse data among all identified entities. The bill references the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program as a potential method of making reports. The program appears to be free; however, the infrastructure necessary for implementation is unknown. Therefore, as the system requirements are currently undefined, the cost of the system is indeterminate. The following examples are provided for reference purposes related to the potential cost of system development and maintenance:

- The Commonwealth's performance budgeting system, which houses all of the state's budget information and data, was developed at a cost of approximately \$15 million; the annual maintenance of the system, software, licenses, and other related costs is approximately one million dollars.
- The Department of Corrections is currently developing an electronic healthcare medical records system to automate and integrate inmate records. This project is budgeted at \$5.2 million.
- The Virginia Information Technologies Agency notes that a general purpose data sharing platform has been implemented in North Carolina, with an annual cost of \$23 million. The development costs of that platform are not currently known.

In addition to the systems costs discussed above, it is assumed that the Secretary's Office may require at least one additional position to analyze data and conduct the required reporting. The total cost for such a position is approximately \$90,000.

The Virginia Department of Health has stated that this bill would not have a fiscal impact on the agency. Any impact the bill may have on the Department of State Police was not readily available.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources  
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner  
All law-enforcement agencies  
All emergency medical services agencies  
State Hospitals and Medical Facilities

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** SB 804, introduced by Senator Carrico, is a companion bill.