

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1332S1

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

2. **Patron:** Kilgore

3. **Committee:** Finance and Appropriations

4. **Title:** Telehealth services.

5. **Summary:** Directs the Board of Health to develop, by January 1, 2021, and thereafter maintain as a component of the State Health Plan, a Statewide Telehealth Plan to promote an integrated approach to the introduction and use of telehealth services and telemedicine services, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill requires the Statewide Telehealth Plan to promote (i) the inclusion of telehealth services and telemedicine services in the operating procedures of hospitals, primary care facilities, public primary and secondary schools, state-funded post-secondary schools, emergency medical services agencies, and such other state agencies and practices deemed necessary by the Board; (ii) use of remote patient monitoring services and store-and-forward technologies, including in cases involving patients with chronic illness; (iii) a uniform and integrated set of proposed criteria for the use of telehealth technologies for prehospital and interhospital triage and transportation of patients initiating or in need of emergency medical services developed by the Board in consultation with the Department of Health Professions, the Virginia College of Emergency Physicians, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Virginia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, the American Stroke Association, the American Telemedicine Association, and prehospital care provider; (iv) a strategy for integration of the Statewide Telehealth Plan with the State Health Plan, the Statewide Emergency Medical Services Plan, the Statewide Trauma Triage Plan, and the Stroke Triage Plan to support the purposes of each plan; (v) a strategy for the maintenance of the Statewide Telehealth Plan; and (6) a strategy for the collection of data regarding the use of telehealth services and telemedicine services in the delivery of inpatient and outpatient services, treatment of chronic illnesses, remote patient monitoring, and emergency medical services to determine the effect of use of telehealth services and telemedicine services on the medical service system in the Commonwealth.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item #8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See item #8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Any increase in workload to develop and maintain a Statewide Telehealth Plan, including developing a strategy for the collection of data, can be absorbed

within existing resources. However, in the event that the plan shall be implemented, it is likely that additional resources will be necessary for data collection, software development, and personnel. The nature and cost of any resources needed for implementation cannot be determined until the plan required by the bill is developed.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Virginia Department of Health and the Department of Health Professions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.