

State Corporation Commission

2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1896

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Hudson

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Essential health benefits; abortion coverage.

5. Summary: Removes the prohibition on the provision of coverage for abortions in any qualified health insurance plan that is sold or offered for sale through a health benefits exchange established or operating in Virginia.

6. Budget amendment necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: Enactment of this legislation would require the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance and Health Benefit Exchange to ensure that insurance carriers are billing, collecting and accounting for the portion of premium attributable to elective abortions for which federal funds cannot be used. Federal law prohibits federal funds, including advance premium tax credits, from being used for abortion services except in the limited cases of rape, incest, or if a woman suffers from a life-threatening physical injury or illness that would place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

Senate Bill 1276 is identical to House Bill 1896.

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