

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB827

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Passed both Houses.

4. Title: Hospital emergency departments; required security and training; regulations.

5. Summary: Directs the Board of Health to amend its regulations to require every hospital with an emergency department to establish a security plan. The bill requires that such security plan be developed using standards established by the International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety or other industry standard and be based on the results of a security risk assessment of each emergency department location of the hospital. The bill requires that the security plan include the presence of at least one off-duty law-enforcement officer or trained security personnel who is present in the emergency department at all times as indicated to be necessary and appropriate by the security risk assessment. The bill provides for a waiver from the requirement that at least one off-duty law-enforcement officer or trained security personnel be present at all times in the emergency department if the hospital demonstrates that a different level of security is necessary and appropriate for any of its emergency departments based upon findings in the security risk assessment.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of this legislation, as amended, would not have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health, the Department of Corrections, or the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.