

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB255

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Hope

3. **Committee:** Passed both Houses.

4. **Title:** Hospitals; emergency departments; licensed physicians.

5. **Summary:** Requires that every adult resident of the Commonwealth may be offered screening tests for sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait, with an emphasis on individuals of reproductive age and individuals who are unaware of their sickle cell trait status.

The health care professional in charge of the adult's annual health examination may cause such tests to be performed, and if performed, shall provide education and appropriate counseling regarding the test results.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The total impact the provisions of this legislation are indeterminate as it is unknown how many new individuals will elect to receive testing. The Department of General Services' Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services will continue testing in the same manner in which current testing is conducted. This would not have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.