

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB565

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2. Patron Lambert

3. Committee Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. Title Virginia Health and Human Services Metadata Clearinghouse.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to develop a reference database of statewide health-related data elements. The reference database shall be developed in accordance with the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

Each agency within the Health and Human Resource Secretariat shall submit to the Secretary select information on their automated systems. Such information shall include a list of names and narrative description of their existing systems containing health-related data, hardware and software platforms upon which the systems run, and a listing of data fields contained in the systems along with a data dictionary containing narrative descriptions of the data fields.

The Secretary shall compile the information submitted by each agency into the reference database and shall ensure that each agency within the Secretariat uses the database information to the greatest extent possible to improve the overall efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the services rendered by these agencies. The reference database shall be updated by the Secretary as necessary.

6. No Fiscal Impact. (See Item 8.)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The fiscal impact from this legislation is minimal and any resulting costs may be absorbed by the affected agencies with existing resources.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Secretariat of Health and Human Resources, all health and human resource agencies.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: Existing Code language requires that every public body of state government shall compile, and annually update, an index of computer databases that contains

at a minimum those databases created by them on or after July 1, 1997. "Computer database" means a structured collection of data or records residing in a computer..

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cc: Secretary of Technology
Secretary of Health and Human Resources