

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1556

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

2. Patron: Cline

3. Committee: Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Unborn child pain information**

5. Summary: Requires doctors to offer to anesthetize a fetus prior to abortion and to include in informational materials a statement that a fetus at 20 gestational weeks has the physical structures necessary to feel pain and react to physical stimuli in a manner that, in an infant or adult, would be interpreted as a response to pain.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

Expenditure Impact:

	<i>Dollars</i>		
<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>NGF</i>	<i>Positions</i>
2008	-	-	0.0
2009	\$18,050	-	0.0
2010	-	-	0.0
2011	-	-	0.0
2012	-	-	0.0
2013	-	-	0.0

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

8. Fiscal Implications: To comply with the requirements of HB 1556, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) would need to revise currently used materials to include language specified in the bill. Since 2001, VDH has used two booklets to provide information on fetal development and on abortion. Initial printing of 25,000 of each of these materials cost \$16,706 in 2001. Additional copies were printed in 2004 at a cost of \$4,860.

Because no additional funding was provided to VDH to initially develop and print the materials, the department used block grant funding. In addition, the initial development was viewed as a one-time expenditure. The estimated cost in FY 2009 to revise and print the same quantity of the materials is \$19,559, and the estimated cost for translating the materials into Spanish is \$3,825 (total is \$23,384).

Since it could be expected that reprinting the materials would be needed soon (at an estimated cost of \$5,334), and it was expected that the reprinting cost would be on-going and absorbed by the agency, then the total final fiscal impact is estimated to be \$18,050 (\$23,384 - \$5,334).

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Health

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources