

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB857

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

2. Patron: Ebbin

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: **Adult Fatality Review Team**

5. Summary: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health and the Chief Medical Examiner to develop an Adult Fatality Review Team to review suspicious deaths of adults in order to create a body of information to help prevent similar fatalities. The Team is charged with reviewing the death of any adult who was the subject of an adult protective services investigation or whose death was due to abuse or neglect or acts that suggest abuse or neglect or whose death came under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner pursuant to § 32.1-283. The bill sets forth duties, membership, confidentiality, reporting, and other requirements for the Team. The bill also exempts any information acquired during a review from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>NGF</i>	<i>Positions</i>
2008	-	-	0.0
2009	\$114,379	-	1.0
2010	\$111,379	-	1.0
2011	\$111,379	-	1.0
2012	\$111,379	-	1.0
2013	\$111,379	-	1.0

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), the fiscal impact of this bill would require an additional \$114,379 in general fund appropriation beginning in FY 2009, and an annual ongoing expense of \$111,379. The estimate is based on the following expenditures:

- \$76,800 for salary and benefits of an Adult Fatality Review Team Coordinator who will be responsible for the collection, interpretation, and summarization of medical records and other records related to these death cases to prepare them for review by the Team. The ideal candidate is a person with a degree and considerable experience in geriatric nursing;

- \$14,200 to cover the costs associated with producing an annual report, office supplies, copying, and postage. Also, expense for Team meetings (six a year) includes food, travel, and parking reimbursement;
- \$1,379 to cover VITA yearly computer charges;
- \$19,000 to cover a part-time wage or contractual person to assist with the administration of the Team, which includes setting up the meetings, processing paperwork, etc.;
- \$3,000 for office furniture, computer, and printer (one-time expense).

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Legislation is similar to HB 251.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources