

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2180

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

2. Patron: Phillips

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: **Practice of dental hygienists**

5. Summary: Provides that a dental hygienist who holds a license or permit issued by the Board of Dentistry may provide educational and preventative dental care in the Lenowisco, Cumberland Plateau, and Southside Health Districts, which are designated as Virginia Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas by the Department of Health, and that any dental hygienist providing such services shall practice pursuant to a protocol developed by the Department of Health. The medical directors of the three health districts shall submit a report of the services provided by the dental hygienists to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources by November 1, 2010.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See item #8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact for the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). The dental hygienists who will provide their services to the three health districts are currently employed by VDH, so there will be no additional costs for hiring more staff. VDH's Department of Dental Health (DDH) has portable dental equipment that is loaned to health districts and used for preventive dental programs and screenings. DDH also provides educational materials to the dental clinic programs. Any additional resources needed by the three health districts will be provided by DDH.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Health, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Board of Dentistry, Virginia Dental Association, and Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The legislation is identical to SB 1202.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources