

Department of Planning and Budget

2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2453

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Sickles, Mark D.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Electronic prescribing; Secretary of Health and Human Services, etc. to establish a website

5. Summary: Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Technology, to establish a website with information on electronic prescribing for health practitioners, which shall contain information about the process and advantages of electronic prescribing, the availability of electronic prescribing products, links to federal and private-sector websites that provide guidance on selecting electronic prescribing products, and links to federal and private sector incentive programs for implementing electronic prescribing. The bill requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources in consultation with the Secretary of Technology to regularly consult with relevant public and private stakeholders to assess and accelerate implementation of electronic prescribing in Virginia. This bill further provides that, beginning in 2010, any health practitioner who contracts with the Commonwealth for the provision of health services utilize electronic prescribing to the maximum extent practicable. This bill directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to develop a plan for programs and incentives that encourage the adoption of electronic prescribing by Medicaid providers.

6. Minimal Fiscal Impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would require the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to establish a website to disseminate information about electronic prescribing to health practitioners. Based on the requirements outlined in this bill, it is assumed that the website would be static (only the provision of information and links to other sources) in nature with no need for user interactivity. Therefore, it is further assumed that such a basic website could be designed and hosted by Virginia.gov under the existing state contract with minimal additional costs.

In addition, there is no significant fiscal impact associated with the bill's requirement on Department of Medical Assistance Services to adopt programs and incentives to encourage its providers to electronically prescribe.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Office of the Secretary of Technology

Department of Health Professions

Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources