

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB146-S1

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

**2. Patron:** Puckett

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Dental hygienists; scope of practice

**5. Summary:** Expands an earlier trial program to allow licensed dental hygienists employed by the Department of Health to provide educational and preventative dental care pursuant to a standing protocol. Also, the bill requires an annual report of services provided by such dental hygienists, including their impact upon the oral health of the citizens of the Commonwealth, to be prepared by the Department of Health and submitted to the Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item #8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The legislation has a minimal fiscal impact for the Virginia Department of Health. The primary impact would be an annual cost savings of \$18,000 in direct wages and travel expenses for the two central office dentists who are currently providing the services that will now be provided by licensed dental hygienists.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** No.

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