

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 387

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

2. Patron: Comstock

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Screening newborns for critical congenital heart defects

5. Summary: This bill requires the Board of Health to include in its regulations governing hospitals a requirement that every hospital implement a protocol for testing newborn infants for critical congenital heart defects, including performing pulse oximetry screening for newborn infants and providing appropriate follow-up and treatment for infants diagnosed with a critical congenital heart defect.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would have a minimal impact on the Commonwealth. This bill amends the Code of Virginia to establish regulations to require hospitals to screen newborns for critical congenital heart defects. The agency has determined a minimal cost associated with the development of these regulations, which can be absorbed in the agency's existing workload.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: SB183, introduced by Senator McWaters, is a companion bill.