

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1940-ER

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

**2. Patron:** Greason

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Health insurance; mandated coverage for autism spectrum disorder.

**5. Summary:** Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals from ages two years through 10 years. Currently, such coverage is required to be provided for individuals from age two through age six. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 38.2-3419, Code of Virginia, and any other provision of law, this provision applies to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2016. The measure does not apply to policies, contacts or plans issued in the individual market or the small group market, which effective January 1, 2016, will include employers with no more than 100 employees.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes – Item 467. A budget amendment is included in the Conference Report – Item 467#4c.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final – see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Based on the data provided from Anthem and Aon to the Department of Human Resource Management, expanding coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals from ages two years through 10 years would result in a total fiscal impact of \$613,845 to the state health plan. The general fund portion of costs associated with changes in the employer's share of premiums paid for the state's health plan would have to be adjusted as a result of this legislation.

Conference amendment Item 467#4c provides \$250,000 in fiscal year 2016 for the general fund share of the costs associated with expanding coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder for children ages two through 10.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Human Resource Management, Administration of Health Insurance, and State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance.

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

**11. Other Comments:** In accordance with legislation enacted in 2013, reviews of expansions of existing health insurance mandates are now conducted by the Health Insurance Reform Commission.

c: Secretary of Administration  
Secretary of Health and Human Resources