

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB319ER

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

2. **Patron:** Rasoul

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title:** Volunteer health care providers; agreements with Department of Health.

5. **Summary:** Requires health regulatory boards to promulgate regulations providing for the satisfaction of board-required continuing education for individuals registered, certified, licensed, or issued a multistate licensure privilege by a health regulatory board through delivery of health care services, without compensation, to low-income individuals receiving health services through a local health department or a free clinic organized in whole or primarily for the delivery of those health services. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2017.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final, see item #8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact that this bill as amended would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined at this time, however the agency does anticipate a fiscal impact based on the provisions of the bill. If VDH enters into the agreement they would be required to, establish a quality assurance program that will monitor the quality of care provided, maintain a list of all volunteer health care providers on a website, and file an annual report on the number of health care providers, number of low-income individuals receiving services, value of services provided, and any claim of malpractice brought against the provider during the prior year.

As currently written, the legislation does not require VDH to enter into these agreements and the agency is unable to accurately estimate the number of potential volunteer healthcare providers that would choose to participate. Therefore the size and scope of this process cannot be determined at this time.

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

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

11. Other Comments: The agency is scheduled to meet with the patron for clarification of his intent.