

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 394

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: Alexander, Kenneth C.

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Health care transparency

5. Summary: The proposed legislation directs the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (OSHHR) to develop a plan to increase transparency in the administration and delivery of health care by agencies of the Commonwealth or health care providers who have entered into an agreement or contract with an agency of the Commonwealth. The Secretary must report their findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2016.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Minimal Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: It is assumed that the OSHHR could develop a plan, as required by the bill, with existing resources. However, the scope of the plan called for in the bill would be limited to the input gained from relevant state employees and participating stakeholders. In addition, the plan's depth may be limited by the timeframe called for in the bill. The OSHHR maintains that a more thorough and comprehensive plan would require additional time and potentially funding to procure outside expertise and analytics.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources
Department of Social Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This statement only takes into account the impact of implementing the provisions of SB 394. Should multiple bills calling for similar resource commitments be enacted, the cumulative impact could have fiscal implications.

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