

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB 347

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed

**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Peake

3. **Committee:** General Laws and Technology

4. **Title:** Statewide cancer registry; information on firefighters.

5. **Summary:** Requires that the information physicians report on a patient diagnosed with cancer to the statewide cancer registry include information, with the patient's consent, regarding the patient's work history as a firefighter, if any, including (i) his status as a volunteer, paid on-call, or career firefighter; (ii) the number of years on the job; and (iii) a measure or estimate of the number and type of fire incidents attended. The bill also provides that one purpose of the statewide cancer registry is to collect data to evaluate potential links between exposure to fire incidents and cancer incidence.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	80,500	0	General

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill would have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The provisions of the bill would require additional reporting by physicians and as a result would necessitate additional data fields to the Virginia Cancer Registry (VCR) to collect the patient's work history as a firefighter, if any, including his status as a volunteer, paid on-call, or career firefighter, the number of years on the job, and a measure or estimate of the number and type of fire incidents attended. VDH estimates it would need \$80,500 in general fund support to create and test the additional fields, develop and disseminate a data dictionary for the new fields, and provide training or technical assistance at a minimal level. However, the agency interprets the bill to provide ongoing communication, outreach, and support to various hospital systems and to ensure completeness of data provided. While the bill does not explicitly address this, additional resources may be needed in later years.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.