

State Corporation Commission

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB593

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

2. Patron: Vogel

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Health insurance; 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 of any age. Currently, such coverage is required to be provided for individuals from age two through age 10. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and healthcare plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2019.

6. Budget amendment necessary: According to the Department of Human Resource Management – Item 474 of House Bill/Senate Bill 30

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: There is no fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission. But according to the Department of Human Resource Management, there will be an impact on that agency. Preliminary. See Item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	\$0	0	
2018	\$0	0	
2019	\$118,500	0	GF
2019	\$118,500	0	NGF
2020	\$118,500	0	GF
2020	\$118,500	0	NGF
2021	\$118,500	0	GF
2021	\$118,500	0	NGF
2022	\$118,500	0	GF
2022	\$118,500	0	NGF
2023	\$118,500	0	GF
2023	\$118,500	0	NGF
2024	\$118,500	0	GF
2024	\$118,500	0	NGF

8. Fiscal Implications: There are no fiscal implications on the State Corporation Commission. However, according to the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM), Senate Bill 593 will have an estimated fiscal impact of \$237,000, which is an increase of 21.5% over the state health plan's FY 2017 spending for the diagnosis and treatment for autism spectrum disorder. The DHRM did note that individuals with autism have less need for applied behavioral analysis treatment as they grow older.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance; Department of Human Resource Management

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: The autism health insurance mandate was enacted in 2011, creating § 38.2-3418.17 of the Code of Virginia to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals from 2 to 6 years old. In 2015, the original mandate expanded the age range from ages 2 to 6 to ages 2 to 10. Senate Bill 593 (and the identical House Bill 1311) would extend the coverage to provision from ages 2 to 10 to any age.

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