

State Corporation Commission

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1344

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

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Health insurance; essential health benefits; preventive services.

5. Summary: Requires a health carrier offering or providing a health benefit plan, including (i) short-term and catastrophic health insurance policies, and policies that pay on a cost-incurred basis; (ii) association health plans; (iii) plans provided by a multiple-employer welfare arrangement; (iv) plans provided pursuant to a benefits consortium, the members of which are banks and employers that provide products and services to banks; and (v) plans provided pursuant to a not-for-profit benefits consortium consisting of five or more private educational institutions, to provide, as an essential health benefit, coverage that includes preventive care. Essential health benefits include items and services covered in accordance with regulations issued pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in effect as of January 1, 2019.

6. Budget amendment necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No Fiscal Impact on the State Corporation Commission

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

10. Technical amendment necessary: Senate Bill 1344 seeks to require essential health benefits to be included in health benefit plans offered by, among other entities, benefits consortiums regulated in accordance with § 6.2-953 and subsection D of § 23.1-106, both of which are not subject to the provisions of Title 38.2. The State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance has advised the patron of Senate Bill 1344 that this conflict should be addressed if it is her intention that these consortia regulated in other titles are to offer essential health benefits.

11. Other comments: None

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