

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1366

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: Cosgrove

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Commissioner of Health; consolidation of inspections.

5. Summary: Requires the Commissioner of Health to identify any inspection of a medical care facility required by Title 32.1 (Health), Board of Health regulations, the Commissioner of Health, the Department of Health, or any other state regulatory boards or agencies and, in collaboration with any such inspecting entity, work to consolidate, as much as practicable, all such inspections in order to minimize the interruption of the provision of care in such medical care facilities.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item #8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact this bill would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined at this time. It is unknown how many inspections could be consolidated to minimize the interruptions in medical care facilities. Any consolidation of inspections must remain in compliance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements that inspections be unannounced because failure to do so could result in fines of \$2,000 per facility for prior notification of federal surveys.

While, the Office of Licensure and Certification already coordinates its inspections with federal surveys for hospitals and nursing homes, pursuant to § 32.1-126 B, expanding the coordination to include other medical care facilities could increase the workload on current staff to accomplish survey and licensure requirements as set forth by CMS and the state. It is possible that coordination of inspections with other agencies will result in additional travel time overall, in order to minimize disruptions of the various facilities needing periodic inspections. To the extent additional travel time impacts the number of inspections that can be conducted in a given time frame, additional inspectors may be required to meet inspection frequency requirements.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.