

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1075

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:** Davis

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title:** Home care organizations; public disclosure of complaints.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Department of Health to make available on its website information regarding all complaints received regarding home care organizations or employees thereof, including whether an investigation was conducted in response to the complaint and the Department's ultimate findings on such complaint.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2021	\$56,097.60	General
2022	\$30,597.60	General
2023	\$30,597.60	General
2024	\$30,597.60	General
2025	\$30,597.60	General
2026	\$30,597.60	General

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill would have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth to publish on its website information regarding all complaints received regarding home care organizations (HCO). The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) currently receives approximately four to six HCO-related complaints per month, which would have to be reviewed for confidential information and uploaded to the web. The provisions of the bill state that, "the identities of the complainant and any patient who is the subject of the complaint shall be confidential and shall not be open to inspection by members of the public."

VDH would need an individual with the technical skills necessary to redact the relevant information and publish the complaint to the web. The full cost of the position is \$76,494 including fringe benefits. However, VDH estimates it needs the equivalent of 0.4 positions, which would cost \$30,597.60 (including fringe benefits) per year. VDH currently has a vacant position to which these responsibilities could be added prior to recruitment. The

Department would also require a license for Adobe Pro, at a cost of \$500. Initial assistance from VDH's Office of Information Management may require a one-time cost in the first year for setting up a website at an approximate cost of \$25,000.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.