

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB21

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

2. Patron: Saslaw

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Abortion; parental consent requirement, ultrasound requirement, hospital regulations.

5. Summary: Removes the requirement that a pregnant minor seeking an abortion obtain either parental consent or judicial authorization. The bill removes the requirement that a pregnant woman seeking to obtain an abortion undergo a fetal transabdominal ultrasound prior to obtaining an abortion at least 24 hours prior to obtaining an abortion, or at least two hours prior to obtaining an abortion if the pregnant woman lives at least 100 miles from the facility where the abortion is to be performed. The bill also removes language classifying facilities that perform five or more first-trimester abortions per month as hospitals for the purpose of complying with regulations establishing minimum standards for hospitals.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would have a revenue impact on the Commonwealth. The bill removes language classifying facilities that perform five or more first-trimester abortions per month as hospitals for the purpose of complying with regulations establishing minimum standards for hospitals. First trimester abortion facilities, classified as hospitals, currently have biennial inspection requirements with an annual licensing fee. The removal of this requirement presents a revenue loss of a \$75 licensure fee for each of the 14 facilities, or a total of \$1,050 each year. It is assumed that the agency can absorb any reduction in licensing fee revenue. The workload attributed to these inspections is estimated to be half a position, however, there are additional licensure procedures for which this position can be repurposed. Therefore, this bill would not affect expenditures, as this work will be replaced by other licensure inspections.

The Department of Corrections' health plans do not provide elective abortions, therefore the provisions of the bill should not impact the agency.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This FIS was revised to correct grammar inaccuracies.