

# State Corporation Commission

## 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1276

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

**2. Patron:**    McClellan

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:**    Essential health benefits; abortion coverage.

**5. Summary:** Removes the prohibition on the provision of coverage for abortions in any qualified health insurance plan that is sold or offered for sale through a health benefits exchange established or operating in Virginia.

**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:** No

**11. Other comments:** Enactment of these bills would require the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance and Health Benefit Exchange to ensure that insurance carriers are billing, collecting and accounting for the portion of premium attributable to elective abortions for which federal funds cannot be used. Federal law prohibits federal funds, including advance premium tax credits, from being used for abortion services except in the limited cases of rape, incest, or if a woman suffers from a life-threatening physical injury or illness that would place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

Senate Bill 1276 was passed out of the Senate Education and Health Committee by a vote of 14-0, and was re-referred to Senate Commerce and Labor. House Bill 1896 is identical to Senate Bill 1276.

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