

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB823

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Torian

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:** Task Force on Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures; study.

**5. Summary:** Directs the Task Force on Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures to study certain issues related to maternal health. The bill requires the Task Force to submit its findings and conclusions to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2022.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, item 293, program 43005.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$31,522		01000

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of this legislation would have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). The bill provides that the Task Force study nine specific issues facing maternal health as set by the bill, including establishing racism and bias trainings for all employees in maternity care settings, culturally congruent care on maternal health outcomes, maternal health outcomes among incarcerated women and racial disparities thereof, integration of telehealth in maternal health care, and the effects of environmental risks and climate change on maternal and infant health outcomes. The bill directs the Task Force to report its findings and conclusions to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2022. Given the existing scope of work required from this legislation, VDH will need additional resources to ensure that the Task Force will be able to complete the bill requirements by December 1, 2022. However, any findings will be limited by the short time-frame in which VDH has to perform the study. If a more robust study is needed, additional resources and time will be needed.

The Taskforce was originally established by HB2111 in the 2021 Virginia General Assembly, and required a part-time epidemiologist and a full-time evaluator/coordinator to undertake the scope of work outlined in the legislation. The additional requirements of this legislation would require full-time effort beyond the current duties of the Task Force outlined in the enacting legislation in order to complete study of the nine issues proposed and submit a report by December 2022. VDH will need to contract the services of a full-time Maternal

Child Health (MCH) epidemiologist, who will be responsible for providing epidemiological and technical assistance to the Task Force and to complete statistical analysis, surveillance, and reporting by December 2022. The total estimated contract cost for FY 2023 is estimated to be \$ \$25,168. Other costs associated include VITA (\$735) and telecom (\$123) charges; and statistical software licenses (\$5,496). The total cost to implement the provisions of the bill with reporting requirement due in December 2022 is \$31,522.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.