

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1567

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

2. Patron: Rasoul

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Department of Health; perinatal health hub work group.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Health, in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, the Virginia Maternal Quality Care Alliance, and Urban Baby Beginnings, to convene a work group of stakeholders to evaluate strategies to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates and make recommendations to enhance maternal health and public health support systems through expansion of the perinatal health hub model. The bill directs the Department of Health to report on the results and recommendations of the work group to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by December 1, 2023.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is assumed that VDH can handle any increase in workload within existing resources. The provisions of the bill, as amended, require convening a work group of multiple stakeholders. VDH is responsible for the management of the work group, facilitating its meetings, and writing up final recommendations from the group for the legislature. VDH will need to contract the services of a part-time Maternal Child Health (MCH) coordinator in order to accomplish these tasks. The total estimated contract cost is \$13,147. The contracted MCH coordinator will lead the effort to support the work group. This position will provide coordination activities for the work group, facilitation and planning for meetings, and be responsible for writing the final report. Other costs associated with this position include VITA/telecom (\$2,145.00) charges and office supplies (\$500). Other costs associated with implementation of this bill include travel reimbursement costs for work group participants for each meeting (\$1,240 per meeting). It is unknown how many meetings the workgroup will require. Costs for the contractor and an estimated four meetings annually are \$20,752.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The Virginia Department of Health can absorb the cost to provide workgroup coordination services from a single bill with existing resources. However, if a large number of bills become law with a requirement that VDH to assist with workgroups, then VDH indicates it will need additional resources to handle the increase in workload.