

**Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB981 **Patron:** Hashmi
Bill Title: Certified community health workers; annual report.

Bill Summary: Directs the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to submit a report on certified community health workers to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and the House Committee on Appropriations and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget by November 1 of each year. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 278
Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary: The provisions of the bill require VDH to submit a report that includes: 1) information on the number of certified community health workers (CHW) employed by VDH; 2) the types of services provided by the CHWs as well as performance and outcome measures for such services; 3) the need for additional certified CHWs to meet demands for services provided by VDH and its local health departments; 4) any non-state resources used to fund the CHWs; and 5) descriptions of contracts entered into by localities to provide community health services.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
VDH		\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
TOTAL		\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000

Fiscal Analysis: VDH would be required to submit a report annually on certified community health workers. VDH does not have administrative community health workers (CHW) staff to manage CHW program evaluation activities. Additional funding would be needed for a data support specialist to manage the evaluation component of the CHW program (developing data collection tools, data retrieval, annual report development, collect performance and outcome measures, identification of non-state resources used for CHW's, and dissemination to stakeholders).

This would require one CHW data support specialist in VDH's Office of Community Health Services, at a cost of \$90,000 annually. The cost was determined based on current VDH Human Resource job market analysis salary estimates for a statistical analyst position as well as fringe benefits, associated VITA IT and telecommunications cost, supplies, travel and professional development.

Other: None.