

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB1279

Patron: Jordan

Bill Title: Hospitals, freestanding emergency departments, and birthing centers; standardized protocols for obstetric emergencies.

Bill Summary: Requires all hospitals with an emergency department for labor and delivery, freestanding emergency departments, and birthing centers to implement standardized protocols for identifying and responding to obstetric emergencies, including obstetric hemorrhage, preeclampsia, and eclampsia. The bill requires the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative to work collaboratively with these hospitals, departments, and centers to provide training related to obstetrical services, recognizing urgent maternal warning signs, and establishing protocols for transfer of any pregnant or recently delivered women who present for care and for such hospitals, departments, and centers to participate in and submit data with no protected health information or identifiers to the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Patient Safety Bundle.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary: The provisions of this legislation would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health to amend regulations.

Fiscal Analysis: Any increase in workload to amend regulations or increased complaint investigations can be handled within existing resources.

Other: HB2518, introduced by Delegate Taylor, is a companion bill.