

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB1279ER

**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. As amended, the provisions of the bill provide that the VNPC shall collect data regarding implementation of the protocols and maternal health outcomes and submit a report annually by October 1 to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Health and Human Services, and the House Committee on Appropriations.

**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 regulation, field complaint investigations, or develop a report can be handled within existing resources.

**Other:** HB2753H1 is a similar bill.