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Bill Number: HB2753ER

Patron: Hayes

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

Bill Summary: All hospitals with an emergency department for labor and delivery, freestanding emergency departments, and birthing centers shall implement standardized protocols for identifying and responding to obstetric emergencies, including obstetric hemorrhage, preeclampsia, eclampsia, and other life-threatening conditions.

The Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative shall 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.

All hospitals with an emergency department for labor and delivery, freestanding emergency departments, and birthing centers shall participate in and submit data to the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Patient Safety Bundle and any other maternal or newborn quality improvement initiative advanced by the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative. Only data that has no protected health information or identifiers shall be submitted.

The provisions of the bill provide that the VNPC shall collect data relating to the implementation of the standardized protocols pursuant to subsection C and maternal health outcomes and submit a report on such data by October 1 of each year 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.

Fiscal Summary: Any anticipated impact is minimal and can be absorbed by the Virginia Department of Health.

Fiscal Analysis: Any increase in workload to amend regulation, field complaint investigations, or develop a report can be handled within existing resources.

Other: SB1279S1 is a companion bill.