

Fiscal Analysis: The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC)'s role with the Birth Injury Fund is to adjudicate dispute claims under the Fund, but has no oversight, responsibility, or authority over the administration and operation of the Fund. Therefore, VWC would have to develop and implement a system quickly if the legislation passes. The VWC anticipates a cost of \$1.4 to \$1.6 million to develop and implement an e-filing system. VWC indicates there are no appropriate nongeneral fund revenue sources to cover the information technology costs and that they need general fund appropriation to adhere to the provisions of this bill.

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Over the last five years, VWC adjudicates an average of 10 Neurological Birth Injury claims per year and they receive a nominal fee (only \$15 filing per case). Therefore, if this legislation is enacted, VWC will require a separate funding source (general fund) provided for development of an electronic filing system. As it stands, VWC's revenue cannot support this expenditure increase.

Other: Other bills establishing electronic filing of petitions under the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program are HB1007, SB235, and SB398.