

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB1332

Patron: Anthony

Bill Title: Regional Care Compacts Pilot Program; established, report.

Bill Summary: Directs the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to establish the Regional Care Compacts Pilot Program to permit health care entities to enter into compacts, as defined by the bill, to incentivize health care workforce development. The bill permits such compacts to engage in workforce development activities, pool resources, enter into agreements with other entities to expand training and placement capacity, establish shared goals, and share workforce data in accordance with applicable privacy laws. The bill directs VDH to provide technical assistance and permits the department to administer the program in coordination with the Department of Health Professions, the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, and other relevant entities. The bill requires compacts to report to VDH on their activities and requires VDH to submit a consolidated report to the Governor and General Assembly each year by December 1.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 279

Explanation: The bill specifies that VDH should use existing staff and resources to the maximum extent possible to administer the program; however, no resources are available so additional support would be needed. As such, VDH will require additional general fund appropriation and one position to comply with the provisions of this legislation, attributable to Item 279 (Health Research, Planning, and Coordination).

Fiscal Summary: The provisions of this legislation would have a fiscal impact on VDH to establish the Regional Care Compacts Pilot Program. Without additional support, the agency would not be able to meet the bill's requirements.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
VDH (601)	-	\$127,273	\$127,273	\$127,273	\$127,273	\$127,273

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
VDH (601)	-	1	1	1	1	1

Fiscal Analysis: VDH does not have sufficient existing resources to absorb the workload associated with this bill. As such, VDH estimates that the agency would need general fund dollars to support one full-time position to administer the pilot, designate pilot regions, provide technical assistance, and develop a report. The cost of this position is \$127,273, which includes salary and fringe benefits. It is assumed that the deliverables associated with the compact would be limited to the expertise and time available from participating providers. Additionally, the bill provides that VDH may coordinate with the Department of Health Professions and the

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Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority. Assuming that any such effort would be limited to resources currently available, VDH is expected to absorb this impact.

Other: None