

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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ORIGINAL

**Bill Number:** HB1116 H1                            **Patron:** Nivar  
**Bill Title:** Department of Health; Department of Social Services; publicly accessible nursing home information portal; publicly accessible assisted living facility information portal; reporting of incidents involving emergency medical services.

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to establish a nursing home information portal and the Department of Social Services (DSS) to establish an assisted living facility information portal to consolidate publicly available information on nursing homes and assisted living facilities, respectively. VDH and DSS are further required to work with stakeholders to determine additional data reporting items, including the number of instances per quarter in which emergency medical services were requested for a resident. VDH and DSS are also directed to adopt any regulations necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes                            **Items Impacted:** Item 279, Item 336, Item 338  
**Explanation:** The Virginia Department of Health and the Department of Social Services will require new general fund and/or positions attributable to Item 279 (Health Research, Planning, and Coordination), Item 336 (Regulation of Public Facilities and Services) and Item 338 (Administrative and Support Services).

**Fiscal Summary:** This fiscal impact is preliminary and may be updated upon the receipt of additional information. The provisions of this bill are expected to require new general fund expenditures and positions on the part of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) for which they are not currently appropriated. See tables and fiscal analysis below.

**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)	-	\$493,174	\$268,174	\$268,174	\$268,174	\$268,174
DSS (765)	-	\$721,587	\$146,587	\$146,587	\$146,587	\$146,587
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,214,761</b>	<b>\$414,761</b>	<b>\$414,761</b>	<b>\$414,761</b>	<b>\$414,761</b>

**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)	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
DSS (765)	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>

**Fiscal Analysis:** This bill requires the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop and maintain a publicly accessible nursing home information portal and a publicly

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accessible assisted living facility information portal, respectively. The bill sets out specific information to be included in the portal, including quarterly data on the number of instances emergency medical services were requested for a resident. Specific impacts for each agency associated with portal development and data management are discussed in detail below.

**VDH**

To meet the provisions of this legislation, VDH would require additional general fund resources to develop and maintain a nursing home information portal. Specifically, the portal would consolidate and display publicly available information and any newly identified additional data reporting items. Based on independent estimates, costs for a contractor to develop a portal is estimated to be a one-time general fund (GF) cost of \$250,000 in FY 2027. Ongoing costs for maintenance are estimated to be \$25,000 GF in FY 2028 and thereafter.

VDH would also need two positions to assist with data collection, data analysis, consulting with stakeholders to identify additional data reporting, and technical assistance. Specifically, VDH anticipates that significant staff time will be required to source quarterly data from the nursing facilities related to emergency medical services as required by the bill. Costs for these positions, including salary and fringe, are \$121,587 GF each (\$243,174 GF for both).

It is expected that any increase in workload to adopt regulations can be handled within existing resources.

**DSS**

DSS also anticipates a need for additional resources to implement a new publicly accessible information portal. While DSS is able to access much of the assisted living facility data identified in the bill through existing systems, the agency acknowledges that such systems operate independently of one another and are built for internal use. The agency will need additional resources to support data migration from existing systems and implement a public-facing database. Based on estimates for similar systems in the agency's licensing division, the one-time cost to implement such upgrades and any new features is estimated at \$600,000 GF in FY 2027. There may also be costs associated with maintenance or user licenses; these costs are estimated at \$25,000 GF in FY 2028 and thereafter.

Similar to VDH, DSS also anticipates that additional staff capacity will be required to oversee portal maintenance, supervise data entry from quarterly reports, and field questions from members of the general public or organizations. Based on the number of assisted living facilities who may submit quarterly data, the amount of staff support needed is unclear; however, it is assumed that at least one full-time staff member will be needed to coordinate and manage data entry. The cost for this position is estimated at \$121,587 each year beginning in FY 2027.

It is expected that any cost or workload increases associated with the promulgation of regulations reflecting the provisions of the bill will be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

**Other:** n/a