

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