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Bill Number: HB392ER

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Bill Title: Sickle cell disease screening program; routine kidney cancer screening.

Bill Summary: The provisions of this legislation require VDH's Sickle Cell Program to offer educational resources to health care providers who screen individuals for sickle cell disease or the sickle cell trait about the increased risks for certain cancers among individuals with those conditions. The resources shall be culturally and linguistically appropriate and shall include information for providers, affected individuals, and their families regarding (i) cancers known to be more common in individuals with sickle cell disease or the sickle cell trait, including certain types of kidney cancer; (ii) signs, symptoms, and surveillance for such cancers; (iii) how to access referral resources for treatment for such cancers; and (iv) the importance of individuals and their families communicating concerns about such cancers to providers. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the program or a health care provider from offering more frequent or additional education on sickle cell disease or the sickle cell trait.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: 277

Fiscal Summary: Minimal fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: According to the Virginia Department of Health any increase in workload for VDH to offer educational resources can be handled within existing resources.

Other: None