



**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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efforts related to sickle cell. VDH reports that the following resources would be needed to fully meet the bill's provisions:

- One Program Administrator II (\$104,730 general fund annually, including salary and benefits)
  - Responsible for managing contracts, overseeing public awareness campaigns, working with a media company to develop educational resources for providers and the community, and developing training modules.
- Education and Outreach (\$7,500 general fund annually)
  - Includes participation and travel for regional provider conferences, staff training, and webinar licenses.
- Module Development (\$15,000 general fund in FY 2027 and \$5,000 thereafter)
  - Cost to contract with the University of Virginia (UVA) Continuing Medical Education office to design and establish two modules with a focus on SCT for providers and individuals. VASCAP has an established contract with UVA for its current program to develop modules.
- Public Awareness Campaigns (\$255,000 general fund annually)
  - Cost to contract with a media company to design and implement a robust community campaign on SCT education and awareness. This estimate includes traditional media, social media engagement, printed media, and developing consistent messaging that provides SCT education.

Based on these assumptions, VDH estimates a total general fund impact of \$382,230 in FY 2027 and \$372,230 in FY 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter to support expanded sickle cell trait education, awareness, and outreach activities.

**Other:** The House (280#6h) budget provides funding for the anticipated cost of this legislation.