Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB606-ER **Patron:** Willett
Bill Title: Medical care facility reporting; value of charity care.

Bill Summary: Removes certain limitations on the meaning of "reviewable service" as it relates to data reporting requirements for medical care facilities and specifies that the value of charity care for such reporting shall be based on gross patient charges. The substitute bill adds an annual reporting requirement on each medical care facility required to satisfy a condition of a certificate of public need, due December 1 of each year. The report shall be submitted by the Commissioner of Health and should include: (i) the total amount of charity care charges provided; (ii) the total cost of charity care, calculated using the hospital's cost-to-charge ratio; (iii) the percentage of total operating expenses represented by charity care; (iv) the number of patients receiving charity care, including the number of applications submitted, approved, and denied; (v) the amount of charity care provided by household income category, expressed as a percentage of the federal poverty level; and (vi) the amount of bad debt attributable to patient services and the ratio of bad debt to charity care.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None

Fiscal Summary: Any anticipated impact is expected to be minimal and can be absorbed by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

Fiscal Analysis: VDH reports that any increase in workload to produce the annual report required by the bill is expected to be minimal and can be handled within existing resources.

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