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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 3166	Introduced on January 12, 2021
<b>Author:</b>	King	
<b>Subject:</b>	Rena Grant Sickle Cell Disease Voluntary Patient Registry Act	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Griffith	
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will increase General Fund expenditures of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) by \$409,992 in FY 2021-22 and by \$334,757 in each fiscal year after that for the development and maintenance of a sickle cell disease voluntary patient registry and for the initiation of a sickle cell education and prevention program. This includes recurring funds of \$334,757 for the salary, employer fringe, and supplies for 2.80 new FTE positions; general office supplies; technical assistance and travel; and the annual maintenance and license of the registry software package. Non-recurring funds of \$75,235 in FY 2021-22 are for the purchase, modification, and maintenance of a software package for the sickle cell disease registry, as well as for training, support, and computer equipment for personnel.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 12, 2021**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill requires DHEC to develop and maintain a sickle cell disease voluntary patient registry. Physicians shall notify the patient or caregiver of their right to register. Registrations are submitted electronically, and the information is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Information disclosures are permitted for physicians to verify the registration, for patients, DHEC personnel, and for qualified health care researchers to collect and study data on the incidence of sickle cell disease and improve patient care. A patient may revoke registration at any time, and a physician is prohibited from accessing the registry without patient approval.

Additionally, DHEC is authorized to initiate a voluntary sickle cell education and prevention program. The program shall provide laboratory testing for the sickle cell gene, counseling for carriers of the sickle cell gene, referrals of persons with sickle cell disease to proper medical care, and basic education to the public.

DHEC indicates that to develop and maintain the sickle cell disease voluntary patient registry would involve additional recurring General Fund expenditures of \$334,757 and 2.80 FTE positions. These additional recurring expenditures include \$240,442 for the salary, employer fringe, and supplies for new positions, including a Program Coordinator II, an Epidemiologist II,

and an Information Technology Consultant I. The remaining recurring funds include \$1,500 for general office supplies, \$3,000 for technical assistance and travel, and \$89,815 for the annual maintenance and license of the registry software package.

Non-recurring General Fund expenditures in FY 2021-22 would total \$75,235. This amount includes \$46,750 for the purchase, modification, implementation, and maintenance of the registry software and computer equipment; \$15,000 for project management support; \$750 for setup; \$4,500 for outreach features associated with software support; \$3,750 for training videos; and \$4,485 for computer equipment for personnel.

In total, recurring expenditures amount to \$334,757, and non-recurring expenditures amount to \$75,235. Thus, the bill will increase General Fund expenditures of DHEC by \$409,992 in FY 2020-21 and by \$334,757 in each fiscal year after that. It will also increase the agency's FTE positions by 2.80.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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