

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB286

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** McQuinn

3. **Committee:** Rules

4. **Title:** Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures, Task Force on.

5. **Summary:** Directs the State Health Commissioner to reestablish the Task Force on Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures for the purpose of evaluating maternal health data collection processes to guide policies in the Commonwealth to improve maternal care, quality, and outcomes for all birthing people in the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Task Force to report its findings and conclusions to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 of each year regarding its activities. This bill reestablishes the Task Force on Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures that concluded on December 1, 2023.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill would reestablish the Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures Task Force (the Task Force) that was initially created by HB2111 in the 2021 Session, which concluded its work December 1, 2023. Funding for the taskforce was provided and remains in the agency's base. VDH should be able continue the taskforce with existing resources. As with HB2111, the provisions of this legislation would have similar fiscal impact. The provisions of the bill require that the Task Force shall consist of engaging in data collection and evaluation, coordinating resources, establishing partnerships/liaisons, and assessing the impact of policies and procedures and requires full-time effort to be effective in establishing long-term impact. This legislation does not have a sunset clause so ongoing annual support is needed.

VDH staff would be responsible for managing the Task Force, including scheduling and facilitating Task Force meetings, developing preparatory and follow up materials for Task Force meetings, supplying the Task Force with necessary data, information, and partnerships to achieve their objectives, drafting a report based on the Task Force's recommendations, and supporting the Task Force in other ways as requested. The bill directs the Task Force to report its findings and conclusions to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 of each year.

This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Virginia Department of Health.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB169, introduced by Delegate Keys-Gamarra.