

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB781

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Herring

3. **Committee:** Health and Human Services

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

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. The bill directs the Task Force to conclude its work by December 1, 2025. 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.

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. The bill directs the Task Force to conclude its work by December 1, 2025.

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: HB781 bill is similar to HB169 and HB286. However, the provisions of this HB781 state that the taskforce shall conclude its work by December 1, 2025, whereas HB169 and HB286 contain no such language.