

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1359

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Byron

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Health care; consent to services and disclosure of records.

5. Summary: Provides that an authorization for the disclosure of health records shall remain in effect until (i) the authorization is revoked in writing to the person in possession of the health record subject to the authorization, (ii) any expiration date set forth in the authorization, or (iii) the person in possession of the health record becomes aware of any expiration event described in the authorization, whichever occurs first, and that a revocation shall not be effective to the extent that the person in possession of the health record released health records prior to such revocation.

The bill also provides that authorization for the release of health records shall include authorization for the person named in the authorization to assist the person who is the subject of the health record in accessing health care services, including scheduling appointments for the person who is the subject of the health record and attending appointments together with the person who is the subject of the health record.

The bill also provides that every health care provider shall make health records of a patient available to any person designated by a patient in an authorization to release medical records and that a health care provider shall allow a spouse, parent, adult child, adult sibling, or other person identified by a person to make an appointment for medical services on behalf of another person, regardless of whether the other person has executed an authorization to release medical records.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of this legislation, as amended, would not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Health Professions, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, or the Virginia Department of Health.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: No.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.