2004 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB5001 (Chapter 4)

Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Item 298	First Year - FY2005	Second Year - FY2006
Administrative and Support Services (71900)	**$556,763**	**$557,711**
General Management and Direction (71901)	$556,763	$557,711
Fund Sources:		
General	$551,973	$552,921
Special	$4,790	$4,790

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 2; Article 6, and § 2.2-201A, Code of Virginia.

The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in cooperation with the Bureau of Insurance in the State Corporation Commission, shall report on the availability of obstetrical services in the Commonwealth and identify any areas of the Commonwealth where there is inadequate access to such services. The report shall include information on (i) the factors contributing to inadequate access to services; (ii) the availability and affordability of malpractice insurance for obstetricians; (iii) any specific problems regarding access to obstetrical care for Medicaid and Family Access to Medical Insurance Security enrollees; and (iv) an assessment of the degree to which these factors may be contributing to the lack of access to obstetrical care in certain areas of the Commonwealth. The report shall make recommendations on actions that can be taken to improve access to obstetrical care throughout the Commonwealth. The Secretary shall provide the report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees and the Joint Commission on Health Care by November 1, 2004.