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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable L. Louise Lucas
Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Luke E. Torian
Chair, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Mark D. Sickles
Vice Chair, House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Karen Shelton, MD
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SUBJECT: State Funding of Abortions in Cases of Fetal Anomalies

This report is submitted in compliance with the Virginia Acts of the Assembly – [Appropriation Act - Item 291 G. \(Special Session I, 2023\)](#), which states:

The Virginia Department of Health shall report for each month within 30 days after the end of each month, on the number of procedures approved for payment pursuant to § 32.1-92.2, Code of Virginia, and include a description of the nature of the fetal abnormality, to the extent permitted by law, as required for eligibility under § 32.1-92.2, Code of Virginia. The department shall report the information by letter to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (804) 864-7002.

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Enclosure

Pc: The Honorable Janet V. Kelly, Secretary of Health and Human Resources

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Virginia Appropriation Act - Item 291 G. (Special Session I, 2023) requires the Virginia Department of Health to submit monthly reports to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. The reports shall include the number of procedures approved for payment pursuant to § 32.1-92.2, Code of Virginia and a description of the nature of the fetal abnormality, to the extent permitted by law, as required for eligibility under § 32.1-92.2, Code of Virginia.

Descriptions of the nature of the anomalies are withheld pursuant to Code of Virginia §§ 32.1-41, 32.1-127.1:03, and 2.2-3705.5(1), as well as the Richmond Circuit Court's ruling in *The Family Foundation v. Oliver* (2020).

MONTHLY REPORT

STATE FUNDING OF ABORTIONS IN CASES OF FETAL ANOMALIES MANDATE

| Month | Number of applications received | Number of applications approved | Nature of the fetal abnormality* |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| July 2022 | 3 | 3 | -- |
| August 2022 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| September 2022 | 3 | 2 | -- |
| October 2022 | 4 | 4 | -- |
| November 2022 | 4 | 3 | -- |
| December 2022 | 1 | 1 | -- |
| January 2023 | 1 | 1 | -- |
| February 2023 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| March 2023 | 1** | 1** | -- |
| April 2023 | 3 | 3 | -- |
| May 2023 | 3 | 3 | -- |
| June 2023 | 3 | 3 | -- |
| July 2023 | 4 | 4 | -- |
| August 2023 | 3 | 3 | -- |
| September 2023 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| October 2023 | 0 | 0 | -- |
| November 2023 | 3 | 3 | -- |
| December 2023 | 3 | 3 | -- |
| January 2024 | 2 | 1 | -- |
| February 2024 | 3 | 2 | -- |
| March 2024 | 6 | 5 | -- |
| April 2024 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| May 2024 | | | |
| June 2024 | | | |

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**Corrected total for March 2023