

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB146

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Purkey, Harry R.**3. Committee** Health, Welfare and Institutions**4. Title** Reporting dangerous microbes and pathogens

- 5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill would require laboratories in the Commonwealth to report their inventories and changes of inventories of dangerous microbes and pathogens to the Virginia Department of Health. The laboratories must also immediately report inventory that cannot be accounted for within 24 hours. The Board of Health shall determine the list of dangerous microbes and pathogens to be reported and the manner of such reporting.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are tentative:**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	-	-	-
2002-03	\$45,633	1.00	To be determined*
2003-04	\$46,100	1.00	To be determined*

*It is uncertain at this time to what extent the federal government will provide ongoing funding for staff to meet new domestic terrorism related duties in the Virginia Department of Health and other state public health agencies. The reporting requirements proposed by this legislation would most likely be incorporated into a single position's duties along with other new bioterrorism related responsibilities. There would be a general fund impact to the agency if it receives additional staff responsibilities in this area without additional federal funding.

- 7. Budget amendment necessary:** Potentially if ongoing federal funding for terrorism related duties does not materialize.

- 8. Fiscal implications:** As mentioned above, new duties such as those required by this legislation would likely be incorporated into a new classified position. The use of a contractor or temporary employee is not a viable option given the sensitivity of the data that would be maintained. The costs listed in item 6 include personal service costs for a statistical analyst with database experience (estimated at \$32,000 plus fringe benefit costs for a total cost of \$38,133 in FY 2003 (assuming 22 pay periods) and \$41,600 in FY 2004). Annual support costs of \$4,500 are also included in each year (\$3,000 per year for office supplies and telecommunications; \$1,000 for travel and/or other costs specific to assuring laboratory compliance; \$500 for overhead charges such as space rental, state liability insurance and database software licensing). One-time expenses of \$3,000 are included in the first year only for the purchase of necessary office and computer equipment.

9. Specific agencies or political subdivisions affected:
Virginia Department of Health

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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