

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 189

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

2. Patron: Purkey

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: **Immunizations; philosophical exemption**

5. Summary: Establishes a philosophical exemption from requirements for immunizations.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item #8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The immediate fiscal impact of this legislation cannot be determined at this time because it is unknown how many students would be exempt from immunization requirements due to their philosophical views. However, this legislation is expected to have a considerable fiscal impact for the Virginia Department of Health and other state agencies in the near future. The fiscal impact would be the result of the human and financial resources needed to implement outbreak control activities in response to the increased number of outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases in schools and day care centers. Since unvaccinated children are at greater risk of catching and spreading vaccine preventable diseases, school immunizations are necessary to protect individuals, who are in immediate contact with each other, from contracting and spreading diseases, as well as the entire population of the state. Adding a philosophical exemption would increase the number of unvaccinated children in our communities and more children would be exposed to preventable diseases.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Health, Department of Social Services, Department of Medical Assistance Services and Department of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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