

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 328-ER

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

2. Patron: Stuart

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: EMS providers; vaccinations

5. Summary: This bill authorizes emergency medical technicians (EMTs) certified at the intermediate and paramedic levels to administer influenza vaccines pursuant to guidelines and protocols developed and approved by the Board of Health and Board of Nursing. This bill contains an emergency clause and would become effective upon its passage.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The costs related to this legislation are minimal and one-time for the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), in terms of time and effort to review and/or develop any required regulations, protocols or guidelines as required by the appropriate boards identified in this bill.

It is impossible for VDH to estimate how many EMT-Intermediates (2,938 statewide) and EMT-Paramedics (4,095 statewide) would become vaccinators or how many emergency medical services (EMS) agencies would participate in a vaccinator program. Furthermore, there will be costs associated with the EMS providers that choose to administer the vaccine. The costs associated with this legislation include training of EMTs and the purchase and storage of vaccines.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Health, Department of Health Professions, local governments and licensed EMS agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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