

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB661ER

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: Bell

3. Committee: Passed both the House and Senate.

4. Title: Secretaries of Health and Human Resources and Public Safety and Homeland Security.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation directs the Secretaries of Health and Human Resources and of Public Safety and Homeland Security to establish a work group to develop a plan to improve the Commonwealth's response to exposure-prone incidents involving employees of law-enforcement agencies, volunteers and employees of fire departments and companies, and volunteers and employees of emergency medical services agencies and other appropriate entities. The proposed legislation establishes the following as members of the work group: (i) the Superintendent of State Police, the Commissioner of Health, the Executive Director of the Department of Fire Programs, and the Director of the Department of General Services, or their designees; (ii) representatives of local law-enforcement agencies, fire departments and companies, and emergency medical services agencies; (iii) representatives of organizations representing law-enforcement officers, salaried and volunteer firefighters, and salaried and volunteer emergency medical services providers; and (iv) such other stakeholders as the Secretaries shall deem appropriate. The proposed legislation also establishes that the work group shall: (i) develop a plan for an entity to assist with management of exposure-prone incidents involving employees of law-enforcement agencies, volunteers and employees of fire departments and companies, and volunteers and employees of emergency medical services agencies and other appropriate entities, as specified; and (ii) study and develop recommendations related to developing the ability to perform postmortem testing for infection with human immunodeficiency (HIV) or hepatitis B or C viruses through the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, as specified. Lastly the proposed legislation requires that the work group shall report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2020.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Item 8 below).

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact for costs associated to convening a work group as required by the proposed legislation. The following agencies do not anticipate a fiscal impact as a result of the proposed legislation: the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Virginia State Police, the Virginia Department of Health, the Department of Fire Programs, and the Department of General Services.

The fiscal impact of the proposed legislation on local law-enforcement agencies is indeterminable.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretary of Health and Human Resources; Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security; Virginia State Police; Virginia Department of Health; Department of Fire Programs; Department of General Services; local law-enforcement.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.