

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB864ER

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: Pillion

3. Committee: Passed both Houses.

4. Title: Comprehensive harm reduction programs; public health emergency; repeal sunset.

5. Summary: Repeals the sunset on the program established in 2017 that allows the Commissioner of Health to establish and operate local or regional comprehensive harm reduction programs during a declared public health emergency that include a provision for the distribution of sterile hypodermic needles and syringes and the disposal of used hypodermic needles and syringes.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill repeals the sunset on the provision to operate comprehensive harm reduction programs, which would allow the Virginia Department of Health to continue operating these programs. The Department of Health indicates that this bill would not result in any general fund cost. VDH has sufficient existing federal appropriation and resources to meet the provisions of the bill and would not need additional resources to operate the program at current levels. Any increase in workload as a result of this bill is assumed to be absorbed by the agency or the agency will seek additional appropriation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Virginia Department of Health. Political subdivisions would vary by the geographic location of increases in blood-borne pathogen morbidity.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB378, introduced by Delegate Rasoul, is a companion bill.