

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Special Session I - Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB5096

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

2. Patron: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Child care providers; personal protective equipment during certain declared states of emergency.

5. Summary: Provides that during any case in which the Governor has declared a state of emergency related to a communicable disease of public health threat, persons operating or working or volunteering at a child day center or family day home shall be considered essential workers and shall be included in any group afforded priority with regard to access to personal protective equipment during such emergency. The bill contains an emergency clause.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires that persons operating, working, or volunteering at a child day center or a family day home be considered “essential workers” and be included in any group afforded priority access to personal protective equipment (PPE) when the Governor has declared a state of emergency related to a communicable disease public health threat.

The bill is unclear about who is responsible for purchasing and obtaining or distributing the PPE. If child day centers, family day homes, and/or their employees or volunteers are responsible for paying for and collecting the PPE they need, there is no cost to the Commonwealth to add the additional priority group.

However, if the intention of the bill is to require the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), as the agency that facilitates emergency response during a state of emergency, to cover the cost of PPE purchase and distribution, the cost is estimated at \$27.0 million. Generally, when there is presidential disaster declaration, the state may be reimbursed for disaster related cost, if they are deemed eligible. This funding may be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement, however, the expenses must be determined to qualify under a federal emergency declaration. FEMA guidelines regarding eligible expenses may differ from one emergency to the next and they may change within the course of an emergency as the circumstances evolve, therefore, it is not possible to determine at this time if these costs will be eligible for federal reimbursement

at some point in the future. The estimated cost covers a one-time distribution of PPE kits (masks and thermometers) and sanitation supplies (gloves, bleach, hand sanitizers) for 6700 centers. The estimated cost breakdown can be found in the table below:

Estimated cost of PPE purchase and distribution:	
PPE kits (masks, thermometers)	\$13.8 million
Sanitation supplies (gloves, bleach, hand sanitizer)	\$9.6 million
Shipping and distribution costs	\$3.6 million
TOTAL	\$27.0 million

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services,
Virginia Department of Emergency Management

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.