

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number: HB595**

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

**2. Patron:** Krizek, Adams, D.M., Clark, Hope, Jenkins, Keam, Maldonado, Plum, Simon, Simonds, Subramanyam and Watts

**3. Committee:** Referral Pending

**4. Title:** Special Assistant to the Governor for Disability Rights Advocacy

**5. Summary:** **Special Assistant to the Governor for Disability Rights Advocacy; position created; report.** Creates the position of Special Assistant to the Governor for Disability Rights Advocacy (the Special Assistant) for the purpose of representing Virginians with disabilities in a comprehensive and authoritative manner by ensuring that all state agencies provide adequate services, resources, and accommodations to such persons. The bill directs the Special Assistant to submit an annual report to the Governor on or before December 1, through the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, that (i) outlines the key issues and problems discovered within state agencies that impact people with disabilities; (ii) identifies the details of any plan of action implemented by the Special Assistant to address and remediate such issues and problems; (iii) provides legislative recommendations that would improve processes and procedures across all state agencies with regard to the provision of services, resources, and accommodations to people with disabilities; and (iv) details such other matters as required by the Governor.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$150,000	1	GF
2024	\$150,000	1	
2025	\$150,000	1	
2026	\$150,000	1	
2027	\$150,000	1	
2028	\$150,000	1	
2029	\$150,000	1	

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

This bill creates a new position in the Secretary of Health and Human Resources office for Disability Rights Advocacy. The cost of this position is inclusive of salary (\$100,000), benefits (\$35,000), and other expenses (\$15,000).

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None