

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB 1172

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

2. **Patron:** Pillion

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title:** Overdose death review teams.

5. **Summary:** Establishes the State Overdose Death Review Process Team to develop and implement processes to ensure that overdose deaths occurring in the Commonwealth are reviewed in a systematic way. The bill also authorizes the establishment of local or regional overdose death review process teams for the purpose of conducting contemporaneous reviews of local overdose deaths in order to develop interventions and strategies for prevention specific to the locality or region.

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>
2019	163,630	2	01000
2020	163,630	2	01000
2021	163,630	2	01000
2022	163,630	2	01000

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill would have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. Over the past five years the number of cases from overdoses has increased by 78 percent and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) has been challenged in keeping up with the current demand for services. As a result, the OCME will need to hire two classified coordinators to fulfill the requirements of this legislation and the additional workload. These staff members will be responsible for reviewing those overdose death cases, preparing materials for the team, facilitate meetings, and provide needed assistance to the local and regional teams. The total compensation for a classified coordinator is \$81,815.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Health.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.