

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1943

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Bell, Robert B.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Chief Medical Examiner; process for testing certain blood samples.

5. Summary: Directs the Chief Medical Examiner (i) to establish a process for the collection and testing of blood samples of a person deemed to have consented to testing in cases in which a law-enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services provider is directly exposed to the blood of such person in a manner that may transmit human immunodeficiency virus or hepatitis B or C viruses and (ii) to take steps to ensure that all law-enforcement agencies, fire companies and departments, and emergency medical services agencies in the Commonwealth are aware of such process.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item #8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact this bill would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined. The provisions of the bill would require the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) to develop a process to collect and test specimens when first responders are directly exposed to blood pursuant to § 32.1-45.1. This section of the Code pertains to living people and would require the OCME to collect specimens and conduct hepatitis B and C, and HIV testing accordingly. This would have a fiscal impact on current operations because the department would have to purchase the appropriate collection materials and submit samples to an appropriate laboratory for testing. Currently, to have LabCorp perform hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV testing is \$450 per case. However, the OCME does not have data on the average number of cases that occur in the Commonwealth in which first responders are directly exposed to blood requiring hepatitis B or C, and HIV testing to determine a fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

10. Technical Amendment Necessary:

11. Other Comments: