Department of Planning and Budget
2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2451

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

2. **Patron:** Bell, Richard P.

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

4. **Title:** Certificate of public need; nursing homes and hospitals; disaster exemption.

5. **Summary:** Provides for a 30-day exemption from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public need for an increase in the total number of beds in nursing homes or hospitals if the State Health Commissioner has determined that a natural or man-made disaster has caused the evacuation of nursing homes or hospitals and that a public health emergency exists due to a shortage of nursing home or hospital beds.

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. While it is assumed that COPN legislation may have fiscal implications for the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), as one of the largest purchasers of health care services in Virginia, there is insufficient data to provide a definitive estimate of the cost impact of the proposed legislation. Under any scenario, it is unlikely that any COPN change would have a direct fiscal impact in the 2018-2020 biennium due to the time needed for implementation and the delayed recognition of costs in Medicaid payment rates. Any significant costs are not likely to occur until after 2022 and, even then, such costs would be difficult to estimate based on the unknowns associated with multiple COPN process and coverage changes and the rapidly evolving nature of the healthcare system.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

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

11. **Other Comments:** SB1277, introduced by Senator Barker, is a companion bill. HB1870, introduced by Delegate Sickles, is a companion bill.