

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

1. Bill Number: SB5090

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: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Commissioner of Health; publication of information about certain communicable diseases; COVID-19 progress benchmarks; emergency.

5. Summary: Requires that upon the declaration of a public health emergency related to a communicable disease, the Commissioner of Health weekly make available to the public information about confirmed cases of the communicable disease among the total population of the Commonwealth and separate information about total confirmed cases of the communicable disease among the general population of the Commonwealth displayed in comparison to total confirmed cases of the communicable disease among persons living in confined spaces within the Commonwealth. The bill defines "confined spaces" as nursing homes, jails and prisons, and group homes. The bill also requires the Commissioner to publish confirmed cases of communicable disease by age group in increments of 10 years. The bill directs the Commissioner to develop and make available to the public on a website maintained by the Department of Health COVID-19 pandemic progress benchmarks that include progress benchmarks for percent positivity rates, percent ventilator utilization, percent intensive care unit utilization by COVID-19 patients, and other variables as deemed appropriate. The bill contains an emergency clause.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia Department of Health has indicated that this bill would not have a fiscal impact on the agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.