

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB367-S1

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

2. Patron: DeSteph

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, etc., of fentanyl, heroin, or related controlled.

5. Summary: The substitute bill creates a Task Force on Fentanyl and Heroin Enforcement (the Task Force), which consists of (i) two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; (ii) one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; (iii) the Attorney General, or his designee; (iv) the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, or his designee; (v) the Director of the Department, or his designee; (vi) the Superintendent of State Police, or his designee; (vii) a representative of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police; (viii) a representative of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association; and (ix) an attorney for the Commonwealth representing the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys. The Task Force must annually elect a chairman from among its members.

The purpose of the Task Force is to study ways to enhance the ability of law-enforcement officers throughout the Commonwealth to combat the illegal manufacturing, importation, and distribution of fentanyl, heroin, and other similar controlled substances.

The Task Force must meet at least annually and upon call of the chairman and must report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1 of each year regarding its activities and any recommendations.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 1.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8 below).

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires that two members of the House of Delegates and one member of the Senate participate in a task force to study ways to enhance the ability of law-enforcement officers throughout the Commonwealth to combat the illegal manufacturing, importation, and distribution of fentanyl, heroin, and other similar controlled substances. Each House and Senate member receives compensation of \$300 per meeting and travel reimbursements for participation on such a task force. Estimated costs for the House and Senate members for up to four meetings per year are \$7,368.

There is no fiscal impact expected as a result of the proposed task force to the following agencies: Attorney General and Department of Law, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Virginia State Police.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia House of Delegates, Virginia Senate, Attorney General and Department of Law, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Virginia State Police.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.