

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB624

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: Roem

3. Committee: Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. Title: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; work group; strategies to meet behavioral health safety net workforce needs; report.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish a work group, which shall include representatives of the Department of Health Professions, the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, the Virginia Area Health Education Centers Program and regional area health education centers, the Virginia Community College System, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and other relevant stakeholders, to develop a strategy to address the behavioral health safety net workforce shortage in the Commonwealth. The bill directs the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2022.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: \$15,000

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services estimates that the scope of this work would likely require a temporary staff worker to conduct focus groups, manage research and analysis, and complete the report. They estimate this cost at \$15,000. In an agency as large as DBHDS, this level of cost is typically assumed to be able to be absorbed in an existing administrative budget. However, if a large number of bills become law with a requirement that DBHDS form workgroups and promulgate or modify regulations, then there will be a need for resources to handle the increase in workload.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, other agencies as asked to participate.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None.