

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 87

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: Ware

3. Committee: Pending

4. Title: Virginia Pandemic Response and Preparedness Council; established, report, sunset date

5. Summary: This legislation establishes the Virginia Pandemic Response and Preparedness Council to examine existing laws in the Commonwealth and develop recommendations regarding the pandemic response and future needs of the Governor, the General Assembly, local governments, public and private health care systems, health districts, the judicial system, K-12 and higher education systems, and the business regulatory system. The bill requires the Council to submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2024.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$30,600	General
2024	\$30,600	General
2025	-	-
2026	-	-
2027	-	-
2028	-	-
2029	-	-

8. Fiscal Implications: It is assumed that the Virginia Pandemic Response and Preparedness Council would meet at least once per quarter (4 meetings annually) in fiscal years 2023 and 2024. Members of the General Assembly are provided a \$300 per meeting per diem and travel costs are also covered (estimated at \$310 per meeting). The Senate of Virginia and House of Delegates would each have five members serving on the proposed Council. As such, the annual cost to each body is estimated at \$12,200 which is paid by the offices of the Clerk of the House of Delegates and Clerk of the Senate.

While nonlegislative and ex-officio members do not receive compensation for serving on the Council, it is expected that any living outside of the Richmond area would receive travel costs. However, it is assumed that all ex-officio members reside within the Richmond area and would not receive a travel reimbursement. Further, it is assumed that approximately one-

third (three) of the eight non-legislative members would not be eligible for travel reimbursement due to their proximity to Richmond. Therefore, cost of the remaining five members is estimated to be \$6,200 annually. It is assumed that the Council would need to cover these costs. It should be noted that any meetings conducted virtually would lower the above travel estimates.

It is assumed that the cost of staffing the Council and generating the require report can be absorbed by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources

House of Delegates

Senate of Virginia

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None