

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 87

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: Ware

3. Committee: Pending

4. Title: Virginia Pandemic Response and Preparedness Joint Subcommittee

5. Summary: This substitute bill establishes a joint subcommittee to study pandemic response and preparedness in the Commonwealth. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee is tasked with examining existing laws in the Commonwealth and developing recommendations regarding the pandemic response and future needs of the Governor, the General Assembly, local governments, public and private health care systems and other facilities and providers, health districts, the judicial system, K-12 and higher education systems, and the business regulatory system. The joint subcommittee is required to submit an interim report no later than December 1, 2022, and a final report no later than September 1, 2023.

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 Joint Subcommittee would hold eight meetings, four for the 2022 interim report and four for the 2023 interim report. 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 joint subcommittee. As such, the cost to each body is estimated at \$24,400 over the 2022-2024 biennium. For the purposes of this statement, it is assumed those costs are equally distributed between fiscal years 2023 and 2024. These costs are covered 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 joint subcommittee, 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 should be noted that any meetings conducted virtually would lower the above travel estimates.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

House of Delegates

Senate of Virginia

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None