

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1323

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Orrock

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Pharmacists; initiation of treatment with and dispensing and administration of vaccines.

5. **Summary:** Provides that a pharmacist may initiate treatment with, dispense, or administer to persons five years of age or older in accordance with a statewide protocol developed by the Board of Pharmacy in collaboration with the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health vaccines authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and provides that the pharmacist may cause such vaccines to be administered by a pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern under the direct supervision of the pharmacist. The bill also requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services and accident and sickness insurance providers to provide reimbursement for such service in an amount that is no less than the reimbursement amount for such service by a health care provider licensed by the Board of Medicine. The bill also requires the Board of Pharmacy, together with the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health, to establish a statewide protocol for the initiation of treatment with and dispensing and administering of drugs in accordance with the provisions of the bill and directs the Board of Pharmacy to establish a work group to provide recommendations regarding development of the protocols and to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of the bill within 280 days. The provisions of the bill authorizing administration of certain vaccinations by pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns shall become effective upon the expiration of the federal public health emergency related to COVID-19.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **No Fiscal Impact.**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** As amended, the bill removes from regulation the immunization schedule of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of drugs that a pharmacist may initiate treatment with, dispense, or administer. The bill also requires the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and Department of Health to develop protocols for vaccinations. Since there are hundreds of vaccines that may be administered, the protocols would be complex and may necessitate use of an immunization expert. However, any fiscal impact cannot be determined by the Department of Health Professions. DHP is

continuing to assess the impact of this bill and this statement may be revised based on the outcome of this analysis.

The provisions of this legislation, as amended, would not have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health or the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.