

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB342ER

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

2. **Patron:** Hope

3. **Committee:** Passed both houses

4. **Title:** Naloxone or other opioid antagonists; possession and administration by state agencies.

5. **Summary:** The bill requires each state agency to possess naloxone or other opioid antagonists used for overdose reversal. The bill also requires the Department of Health, in consultation with the Safety and Health Codes Board, to post informational resources on the Department of Health website about naloxone and other opioid antagonists used for opioid reversal and how they might be used to prevent overdoses in public places. The bill also provides that the Department of Health shall develop a plan for (i) the procurement and distribution of naloxone or other opioid antagonists used for overdose reversal to each state agency and (ii) the possession of naloxone or other opioid antagonists used for overdose reversal by each state agency. The Department of Health shall report its progress in developing such plan to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2024.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item 8

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate, see item 8

8. **Fiscal Implications:**

The fiscal implications of the bill will vary by agency. The bill does not define the number of doses of naloxone or other opioid antagonist that each agency must possess, so the fiscal impact from the purchase of the opioid antagonists is indeterminate.

The bill directs the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to develop an implementation plan for Naloxone distribution. The bill also directs the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to post informational resources on its website about the use of Naloxone to prevent overdoses in public places. VDH can absorb any increase in workload related to these provisions.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of General Services, Department of Health, all state agencies and employees

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. Other Comments: None