

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB229

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

2. **Patron:** Hashmi

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention, Advisory Council on; established, report

5. **Summary:** That the State Health Commissioner shall establish a work group to examine the feasibility of and make recommendations for the placement and infrastructure of an Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention (the Council). The work group shall consist of the State Health Commissioner, the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services, the Director of Medical Assistance Services, the Commissioner for Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and the Director of the Department of Health Professions, or their designees, as well as representatives from veterans' service organizations, hospitals, and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and clinical mental health providers and other relevant stakeholders as determined by the Commissioner. The State Health Commissioner and the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services or their designees shall jointly chair the work group. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations related to the placement and infrastructure of the Council by December 1, 2024, to the Governor and the General Assembly.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Minimal.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Any increase in workload to establish a workgroup can be handled within existing resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Virginia Department of Health.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.