

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB647

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

2. **Patron:** Dunnavant

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Commissioner of Health; administration and dispensing of necessary drugs, devices, and vaccines.

5. **Summary:** Allows the Commissioner of Health to authorize persons who are not authorized by law to administer or dispense drugs or devices to do so in accordance with protocols established by the Commissioner when the Board of Health has made an emergency order for the purpose of suppressing nuisances dangerous to the public health and communicable, contagious, and infectious diseases and other dangers to the public life and health for the limited purpose of administering vaccines as an approved countermeasure for such communicable, contagious, and infectious diseases. Current law limits the Commissioner's ability to make such authorizations to circumstances when the Governor has declared a disaster or a state of emergency or the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services has issued a declaration of an actual or potential bioterrorism incident or other actual or potential public health emergency.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of this legislation would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health. Any training and guidance for additional authorized persons would consist of resources used by current volunteers and personnel. It is not possible to predict how many emergencies described in this bill would be declared or the duration of those emergencies.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.