

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2189

Patron: Freitas

Bill Title: Immunizations; authority of the Commissioner of Health; religious exception.

Bill Summary: Exempts a person, including a parent or guardian on behalf of a child, who objects to administration of a vaccine on religious grounds from mandatory immunization requirements issued by the State Health Commissioner during an epidemic. Currently, exemption from mandatory immunization requirements during an epidemic is available only to those persons to whose health the administration of a vaccine would be detrimental, as certified in writing by a licensed physician.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated impact to state resources resulting from this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: This legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health to provide a religious exemption during an epidemic of any disease of public health for which a vaccine exists.

Other: None