

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB1101

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Bill Title: Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Act; fund and council established; report.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Fund (the Fund) to provide funding to support clinical research and implementation of FDA Breakthrough Therapies, defined in the bill, for the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, treatment-resistant depression, major depressive disorder, and traumatic brain injury. The Fund shall be used to (i) establish public-private partnerships to jointly fund Phase III clinical trials of FDA Breakthrough Therapies; (ii) conduct investigator-initiated clinical trials; (iii) establish a compassionate use program; (iv) create education and training opportunities for mental health professionals; (v) begin patient access pilot programs; and (vi) conduct implementation studies for best practices, cost-effectiveness, and methods to reduce treatment costs. The bill also establishes the Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to advise the Department of Health on administration of grant funding or contracting to carry out the purposes of the Fund. Finally, the bill requires the Board of Pharmacy to amend its regulations to designate, reschedule, or deschedule a controlled substance in accordance with federal law after the expiration of 30 days from the publication in the Federal Register of a final or interim final order or rule.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 277

Fiscal Summary: The provisions of this legislation would have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to administer the Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Fund and to provide support for the Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Advisory Council. VDH would be responsible for the fund, including administering grants and contracts as well as developing related processes such as the issuance of request for proposals and contract administration. VDH would also provide support for the Council, coordinate council meetings, coordinate with the Board of Pharmacy as necessary, and report to the General Assembly to communicate progress. VDH is unable to absorb this increase in workload within existing resources. As such, VDH would need funding for a new wage position to oversee administration of the Fund and the Council. VDH will use existing staff time to provide subject matter expertise and supervision of the wage position. Additionally, VDH would need funding to support the activities of the six-member Council.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
		\$66,654	\$66,654	\$66,654	\$66,654	\$66,654
TOTAL		\$66,654	\$66,654	\$66,654	\$66,654	\$66,654

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Fiscal Analysis: The cost of the wage position to oversee administration of the Fund and the Council is \$52,139, which includes wages, telecommunications, and VITA costs.

To support activities of the Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Advisory Council, VDH estimates it would need \$14,515 in additional support. Cost estimates are based on six council members meeting four times annually. Cost estimates include \$5,947 for mileage reimbursement, \$1440 for meals and incidentals, \$720 for the provision of lunch at meetings, \$3,768 for lodging for council members, and \$1,200 for a stipend for each meeting per § 2.2-2813 Code of Virginia.

The amount of funding provided to the Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Fund is dependent on the allocation of state resources, gifts, denotations, grants bequests, or other funds attributed to it.

Any costs for the Board of Pharmacy to amend regulations can be handled within existing resources.

Other: None.