

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:** Establishes the Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention to advise the State Health Commissioner on the regulations and infrastructure necessary to support clinical access to and training for medication-assisted U.S. Food and Drug Administration breakthrough therapies for veteran suicide prevention. The bill requires the Commissioner of Health to report annually by December 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding its activities and recommendations. The Council has a sunset date of July 1, 2027.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, item 277.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2024			
2025	\$58,496		01000
2026	\$58,496		01000
2027	\$58,496		01000
2028			
2029			
2030			

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of this legislation would have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). The bill establishes the Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention to advise the Commissioner on the regulations and infrastructure necessary to support clinical access to and training for medication-assisted U.S. Food and Drug Administration breakthrough therapies for veteran suicide prevention. VDH shall provide staff support and board member compensation. VDH will need to contract the services of a part-time coordinator to accomplish tasks outlined in the bill. The coordinator will be responsible for communicating with the Governor's office,

convening and facilitating Advisory Council meetings, providing support and feedback to Advisory Council members, and drafting the annual report due to the Governor and General Assembly by the established due date. The total estimated contract cost is \$41,424 annually. Additional costs associated with this position include annual VITA/telecom (\$3,432) charges and office supplies (\$500). Additional costs associated with implementation of this bill include travel reimbursement costs for Advisory Council participants, lunch, and lodging. It is estimated that for nine members to attend at least four meetings per year would cost \$4,140 for mileage, \$5,400 for lodging, \$1,800 for incidentals, and \$1,800 for compensation annually. This is based on \$115 for mileage, \$150 for lodging, \$50 for incidentals, and then \$50 for compensation per member per meeting. Any additional meetings or members would increase the costs by the amounts above. These estimates assume that the council would meet four times a year, therefore cost estimates are scalable depending how often the council meets. The total cost estimate to meet the provisions of the bill is \$58,496 annually.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB80, as introduced by Delegate Jones, is a companion bill.