



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 618

PRINTERS NO. 945

PRIME SPONSOR: Phillips-Hill

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 618, Printer's Number 945, adds two chapters, Chapter 59 (Vaccinations) and Chapter 60 (Disease Prevention and Control), to Title 35 (Health and Safety). This legislation is effective immediately.

ANALYSIS: SB 618 adds a chapter on vaccinations that prohibits the following:

- A government entity from requiring proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to use a service, enter a building, or undertake an activity within the territorial limits of the government entity.
- An institution of higher education from requiring proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to use a service, enter a building, or undertake an activity, including attending class in-person, in a facility within the control or ownership of the institution.
- A government entity or political subdivision from including information on an identification card or electronic tracking system regarding whether the holder of the identification card has received a vaccination against COVID-19, or expending funds to develop an electronic tracking system for an individual who has or has not received a vaccination against COVID-19.

The bill adds a chapter on disease prevention and control that prohibits the Secretary of Health from ordering or otherwise requiring a closure, or ordering or otherwise requiring an individual that has not been exposed or potentially exposed to a contagious disease to do any of the following:

- Physically distance from other individuals.
- Wear a universal face covering.
- Conduct a specific hygiene practice.
- Shelter in place, quarantine, or isolate from other individuals.
- Restrict travel.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation would have no discrete impact on Commonwealth funds; however, Commonwealth revenues and expenditures could be affected by the provisions preventing the Secretary of Health from ordering closures and restrictions on individuals.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.