

### Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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<b>Description</b> agency authority regarding public health emergencies and making an appropriation	
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>	
<b>State:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations  <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations                 </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues                 </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs                 </div> </div>	
<b>Local:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;">                 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory                  2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory             </div> <div style="width: 30%;">                 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory                  4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory             </div> <div style="width: 30%;">                 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected  <input type="checkbox"/> Towns      <input type="checkbox"/> Village      <input type="checkbox"/> Cities  <input type="checkbox"/> Counties      <input type="checkbox"/> Others  <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts      <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts             </div> </div>	
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b> <b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b> <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	
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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**DHS 2/24/2020**

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Under current law, a public health emergency is defined as the occurrence or imminent threat of an illness or health condition that meets all of the following criteria: (1) is believed to be caused by bioterrorism or a novel or previously controlled or eradicated biological agent; and (2) poses a high probability of either a large number of deaths or serious long-term disabilities among humans or a high probability of widespread exposure to a biological, chemical, or radiological agent creating a significant risk of future harm to large number of people.

This bill expands the definition of public health emergencies to include toxins or other threats to health and requires that any, rather than all, of the criteria be met. The bill provides that during a public health emergency, DHS possesses all powers necessary to respond to that emergency, which are subject to the Governor's approval.

The bill also creates a sum sufficient appropriation to provide DHS with a funding source to enable it to respond promptly and effectively to the emergency. The bill authorizes DHS to spend from the appropriation for such purposes as supporting emergency operations, biosurveillance and laboratory activities, and pandemic and epidemic product purchases. Expenditures from the appropriation would occur only during a public health emergency; annual expenditures from the appropriation would vary depending on whether an emergency or emergencies are declared during the year and the resources needed to respond effectively to each emergency.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**