

Department of Planning and Budget

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1581

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Hamilton

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Adult protective services: Reports by financial institutions of financial exploitation

5. Summary/Purpose: HB 1581 would require employees of banks and trust companies, savings banks, savings institutions, credit unions securities firms, and insurance companies to report the suspected financial exploitation of incapacitated persons, based on information obtained in their professional or official capacity. The reports would be filed with the local department of social services for the city or county where the adult resides or the exploitation is believed to have occurred. If neither locality were known, the report would be made to the local department of the county or city where the exploitation was discovered. Upon receipt of a report, the director of the department would be required to investigate and determine whether the person is in need of adult protective services.

6. No Fiscal Impact: See Item 8, below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

HB 1581 places a responsibility on a number of private entities but places no requirements on any state agency, requiring only that local departments of social services undertake their normal procedures when they receive a complaint from this new set of “mandated reporters.”

Without training or promotional materials, no significant increase in reporting of financial exploitation is anticipated. Thus, HB 1581 could be considered to have no cost impact on the Commonwealth’s budget.

The Weldon Cooper Center at the University of Virginia has reported that in 1992 there were 10,280 institutions in Virginia that might be affected by HB 1581. These included depository institutions; real estate firms; insurance carriers; insurance agents, brokers and services firms. In that year these firms employed over 152,000 people.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Department of Social Services; 122 local departments of social services

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: None

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