

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1832

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 Athey

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Amber Alert.

5. Summary/Purpose: Requires state buildings open to the public to have a Code Adam program as a preventive tool against child abductions and for locating lost children in certain public buildings. The alerts are used to lockdown buildings where a child has been lost or possibly abducted. The bill requires the Board of Education to develop, in cooperation with private entities, a program to provide parents with child identification kits through school distribution. The kit shall include identification information about the subject child, including current photo, fingerprints, DNA samples, and important medical information and shall include instructions for the proper safekeeping of the kit. Such kits shall be held for safekeeping by the parent, not a school, school board, or other public entity. The bill also establishes the voluntary Amber Alert Program as a means to provide notice and information of a child abduction to the public by the media (local, regional or statewide) to be activated initially in the discretion of the local law enforcement officials. This bill is identical to SB 1204.

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on state agencies since parents would likely be obtaining child identification kits directly from private entities. This legislation compliments the Governor's "KIDsafe Virginia" initiative that, by partnering with automobile dealerships statewide, has already made available 80,000 free child DNA kits for Virginia parents.

According to the Department of State Police, there would be no impact to the department resulting from this legislation. Also, the Department of General Services projects a minimal impact that could be absorbed with current funding.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Board of Education, Department of General Services, Department of State Police, local law enforcement agencies, and radio and television stations statewide.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: Identical to SB1204.

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