

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number House Bill 1135

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

2. Patron Robert F. McDonnell

3. Committee Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title Child protective services; training and investigation procedures

5. Summary/Purpose: As amended, this bill requires the Department of Social Services Child Protective Services Unit to include standards of training regarding the legal duties of child protective services workers in order to protect the constitutional and statutory rights and safety of children and families from the initial time of contact during investigation through treatment. The current investigation procedures for school employees are made applicable to all individuals subject to a child abuse and neglect investigation. In addition, the local department is required to, at the initial time of contact with the person subject to a child abuse and neglect investigation, advise such person of the complaints or allegations made against the person, in a manner that is consistent with laws protecting the rights of the person making the report or complaint. In cases where a child is alleged to have been abused or neglected by a teacher, principal or other person employed by a local school board or employed in a school operated by the Commonwealth, in the course of such employment in a nonresidential setting, the provisions of § 63.2-1516.1 would also apply.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Social Services
Local departments of social services

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources