

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** House Bill 420

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

**2. Patron** Vivian E. Watts

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title** Child abuse and neglect; multidisciplinary investigation teams

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill enables local social services departments to develop multidisciplinary teams to provide consultation to the local department during the investigation of selected cases involving child abuse or neglect and make recommendations regarding the prosecution of such cases. The bill requires that teams may include, but are not limited to, members of the medical, mental health, legal and law-enforcement professions, including the attorney for the Commonwealth or his designee, a local child-protective services representative, and the guardian ad litem or other court-appointed advocate for the child. The bill also contains provisions regarding the confidentiality of information exchanged during such consultation.

**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