

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 2462

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

2. Patron: Nixon

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Workers' Compensation; certain participants in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) not eligible.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill defines TANF recipients participating in the Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare Program (VIEW) as employees of the Commonwealth for purposes of Title 65.2. However, it explicitly provides that VIEW recipients injured on the job during the work phase of program are not eligible for weekly compensation for incapacity, partial incapacity, or death. This bill adds VIEW participants to an existing list of workers' compensation benefit exclusions detailed in the title.

6. Fiscal Impact: Indeterminate.

See Item Eight

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. A general fund amendment to Item 360 of HB1500/SB700 is necessary to implement this legislation.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill prevents participants in the VIEW program, as state employees, from making workers' compensation claims for weekly compensation against the Commonwealth if they are injured while participating in the program. However, it appears to allow VIEW participants, as state employees defined by Title 65.2, to make claims under [§ 65.2-603](#). This section allows claims to be made for medical benefits, prosthetic or orthopedic appliances such as wheelchairs, walkers, beds and modifications to their principal home such as ramps and handrails, up to \$25,000. These benefits would be awarded pending approval of the Workers' Compensation Commission.

The average number of participants in the VIEW program over the last nine years was 13,108, or an average of 1,456 annually. With a workers' compensation premium of \$50 per participant annually, as defined by [§ 65.2-603](#), the Department of Social Services estimates \$72,800 (\$50 times 1,456) annually for insurance coverage to provide coverage for VIEW participants. However, since specific yearly participants are unknown, it is not possible to determine an exact cost.

Additionally, the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission would process any claims. Impacts to that agency because of increased caseloads cannot be determined.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission; Department of Social Services.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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