Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number HB1325
	House of Origin
	Second House
2.	Patron Caputo
3.	Committee Courts of Justice
4.	Title Juveniles; administrative support order.
5.	Summary/Purpose: This legislation proposes to amend and reenact § <u>16.1-290</u> of the Code of Virginia to allow the Department of Social Services to establish the amount of the support obligation by the parents when a child is committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, and allows the Department of Juvenile Justice to collect child support from the parents from the date it receives the child.
6.	Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary. See item #8.
7.	Budget amendment necessary: No.
8.	Fiscal implications: The fiscal impact of this legislation is uncertain. The Department of Juvenile Justice advises that if enacted the legislation would likely increase the amount of child support paid to the department for juvenile offenders committed to it by the courts. While it is difficult to estimate precisely how many children will be committed to the state and have child support ordered, it expects that the additional revenue could be approximately \$200,000 annually. The increase would primarily be from getting the order in earlier and beginning receiving payments two months sooner than the current practice.
	The Department of Social Services advises that there may be a minimal increase in costs incurred by the Division of Child Support Enforcement, (DCSE), but that will be offset by more efficient handling of these cases administratively.
9.	Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Social Service's Division of Child Support Enforcement and the Department of Juvenile Justice.
10.	. Technical amendment necessary: None.
11.	. Other comments: None.

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