

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB 56

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Fralin, William H. Jr.

**3. Committee** Courts of Justice

**4. Title** Child abuse or neglect; mandatory reporting by eligibility workers; penalty

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Requires any person employed by a local department of social services who determines eligibility for public assistance and FAMIS to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the local department or the Department of Social Services' toll-free child abuse and neglect hotline.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The Department of Social Services has indicated that it would be able to revise an existing on-line course to provide the necessary training for impacted eligibility workers. The department believes it can work with the Virginia Institute for Social Services Training Activities (VISSTA) to make the needed modifications to the curriculum at no cost. Furthermore, it is expected that this course can be completed by eligibility workers within regularly scheduled hours.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**  
Department of Social Services

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources