

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB 56

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

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

**3. Committee**       Pending

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

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Requires any person employed by a local department who determines eligibility for public assistance to report suspected child abuse and neglect to the local department or the Department of Social Services' toll-free child abuse and neglect hotline. It further requires the Department of Social Services to provide training to effect the purposes of the bill, which become effective January 1, 2007.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The Department will work with the Virginia Institute of Social Services Training Activities (VISSTA) at Virginia Commonwealth University to modify an online course to train eligibility workers to report suspected child abuse and neglect; the course was originally developed to train teachers to identify potential child abuse. VISSTA develops and delivers social services training to local eligibility and services staff under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department. The Department will revise training priorities, if necessary, to ensure that the required modifications are made under the existing contract at no additional cost. It is anticipated that this course can be completed within the regularly scheduled eligibility worker's 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