

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB503

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Hamilton

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: **Comprehensive Services Act Program; case management and residential care plan.**

5. Summary: Comprehensive Services Act Program; case management and residential care plan. Requires the State Executive Council to develop mandatory uniform guidelines and localities to implement a case management program for residential services. Requires family assessment and planning teams to develop, and community policy and management teams to review, residential care plans that include goals for residential care treatment, a provision for monitoring and review of plans, evaluation of progress toward identified goals, and a plan for returning the youth to his home or community at the earliest appropriate time. The bill clarifies requirements already mandated in law to reflect effective practices and to strengthen requirements for children in residential care.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimate: None

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: There will not be an overall fiscal impact. When case management for youth in residential care is done effectively based on uniform statewide standards, there will be an initial cost for purchasing the service through CSA. However, this service is an effective tool to help reduce residential care costs and control the rate of growth in overall state and local CSA expenditures. As children are returned home at the earliest appropriate time or prevented from going into unnecessary residential placements through providing community services and case management, then overall residential care costs should be reduced through fewer numbers of children and shorter lengths of stay in residential care. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission found that residential services are four times more costly than community services (average annual cost of \$48,129 versus \$11,360 respectively in 2005, including state, local and Medicaid funds).

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

- CSA State Executive Council
- Office of Comprehensive Services for At Risk Youth and Families
- Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services
- Local governments administering CSA services
- Local CSA teams
- Community services boards

- Local departments of social services
- Court services units
- Local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources