

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 871

House of Origin    \_\_\_ Introduced        \_\_\_ Substitute        \_\_\_ Engrossed  
Second House         X  In Committee    \_\_\_ Substitute        \_\_\_ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Johnson

**3. Committee:** Rehabilitation and Social Services

**4. Title:** TANF funds to Healthy Marriages and Stable Families

**5. Summary:** Authorizes the Department of Social Services to establish a program to support educational programs intended to promote healthy marriages and strong families. The bill also authorizes the department, to the extent authorized by federal law, to allocate up to one percent of all funds received under the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program to support this program.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation would allow the department to allocate up to one percent of the TANF grant to support the authorized educational programs. Since this language is permissive in nature, there is no direct fiscal impact (i.e. the department is not required to fund the programs). However, should the department choose to utilize a portion of the fully allocated TANF block grant to establish the educational programs, then programs that currently receive TANF would need to be cut to free sufficient TANF dollars. Virginia's TANF block grant allocation is \$158,285,000 each year; this bill addresses \$1,582,850, or one percent, of this amount.

**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