

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 493

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

2. Patron: Puller

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Foster and adoption workers; minimum training requirements

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Social Services to establish minimum training requirements and to provide educational programs for foster and adoption workers and their supervisors. This bill has been amended to require the Department of Social Services to absorb any associated costs.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would give the Department of Social Services the authority to establish minimum training requirements for foster and adoption workers. The training program currently employed by the department provides basic child welfare training to local workers at no cost to the localities. While the minimum requirements that will be established are unknown, it is assumed that the modules currently available through the Virginia Institute for Social Services Training Activities (VISSTA) would meet these requirements, and if they did not, that the curriculum would be altered to meet the minimums established. The department also provides \$1,000 per local worker to cover travel expenses incurred to attend training sessions for those localities that have an approved training plan.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Department of Social Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB 825.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources