

Department of Planning and Budget

2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1608

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Orrock, Robert D., Sr.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

5. Summary: This bill designates the Department of Social Services as the state agency responsible for coordinating state efforts related to supporting public agencies and charitable and community groups seeking to assist low-income Virginians in their efforts to become self-sufficient. In addition, a dedicated Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Fund is established to supplement the department's administration of the TANF block grant and assist the Commonwealth in maximizing program funds by leveraging individual, corporate, and charitable donations.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact (see item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Social Services currently has a Division of Community and Volunteer services that works with community and volunteer organizations. This statement assumes that the department's existing efforts will satisfy the requirements of this legislation; thereby eliminating the need for additional resources. If current operations are not sufficient to meet legislative intent, then additional general fund support will be required.

The TANF Fund created by this legislation will provide the department with additional resources to supplement current TANF spending. Since there is no way to approximate the amount of potential contributions to the fund, an estimation of additional resources cannot be determined. However, it is assumed that the department will be able to administer any additional support within existing resources. Moreover, the bill allows up to 12 percent of the Fund to be used for administrative expenses.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Since dollars appropriated from the TANF block grant are typically referred to as TANF funds it is recommended that the TANF Fund created by this legislation be renamed in order to avoid confusion and differentiate the two sources of funds.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to SB 1224.

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