

## **Comprehensive Services for At Risk Youth and Families 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number: HB 1646S**

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

**2. Patron: Bell**

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses.

**4. Title:** Clarify Eligibility for Comprehensive Services Act Funds

**5. Summary:** The substitute bill amends §2.2-5212, §2.2-5211, §63.2-100, §63.2-905, and §63.2-905.1 to clarify that all youth who require foster care services in accordance with the statutory definition of foster care services are eligible for Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) state pool funds. The bill clarifies the definition of foster care services and clarifies the populations eligible to receive foster care services.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See 8 below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The substitute bill contains similar technical clarifications in Code related to the eligibility of children receiving services through parental agreements, but makes several additional changes to existing law.

The substitute adds the word “youth” to the Comprehensive Services Act code. Per the recommendation of the Virginia Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the addition of the word “youth” is to provide clarification of eligibility for services, given that in addition to children under age 18, CSA also pays for services to individuals aged 18 – 21 who are otherwise mandated to receive services through special education or foster care. This change does not have a fiscal impact.

The substitute bill also changes statute from “may provide” to “shall provide” as it relates to the provision of Independent Living Services by localities. According to the OAG, who has reviewed the substitute bill, the change to “shall provide” merely clarifies language and aligns the first sentence of §63.2-905.1 with the third sentence of the paragraph. Data indicate that all but nine localities provided Independent Living Services in FY 2012. Because CSA currently reimburses any locality that chooses to provide these services to eligible youth there is only a fiscal impact if this change compels localities to provide a service they would not have otherwise provided. Based on FY 2012 data, the cost of providing Independent Living Services is \$25,029 per youth, per year, of which \$16,269 is general fund and \$8,760 is local funding.

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

Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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**C:** Secretary Health and Human Resources