

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB589-H1

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

2. Patron: Campbell

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Filing of petitions by designated nonattorney Department of Social Services employees.

5. Summary: Filing of petitions by designated nonattorney Department of Social Services employees.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill gives non-attorney local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) employees legal authority to file specific foster care and other petitions and to appear before an intake officer to initiate a case on behalf of the LDSS. This will have no fiscal impact on VDSS, however enacting this legislation could result in cost avoidance for the localities if the localities choose to have social services staff file the petitions and initiate a case rather than outside counsel.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: