

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1494

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

2. Patron: Orrock

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Suspected adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation; mandated reporting, vulnerable adults

5. Summary: The proposed legislation provides that for the purpose of mandated reporting of suspected adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation, "adult" means any person age 18 or older, regardless of capacity, and requires reporting of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of any vulnerable adult. Currently, reporting is required in cases of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult who is (i) 60 years of age or older or (ii) 18 years of age or older and incapacitated. The bill also directs the Department of Social Services to develop a definition of "vulnerable adult" and to report its recommendation regarding such definition to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services by December 1, 2018. Except for the reporting requirement, the bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2019.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Is Indeterminate: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation adds the term "vulnerable" to the adult population being protected under §63.2-1606 and adds a second enactment clause directing Department of Social Services (DSS) to define the term "vulnerable adult" for the purposes of mandated reporting of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation. It is expected that the definition of vulnerable adult ultimately adopted would not have any significant fiscal impact on affected agencies. However, should the definition somehow significantly broaden the scope of adult protective services investigations, there could be an impact on local DSS staffing due to increased caseloads.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Social Services

Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None