

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2208-ER

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

**2. Patron:** Brewer

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Adoption by relative.

**5. Summary:** Expands the applicability of adoption procedures for a child's close relatives to stepparents, adult stepbrothers or stepsisters, or other adult relatives of the child by marriage or adoption.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation is consistent with the Virginia Children's Service Practice Model and expands the applicability of adoption procedures for a child's close relatives to all of the child's adult relatives, including step-relatives and relatives by marriage or adoption. This bill only requires a minor update to adoption guidance and minimal staff training at local departments of social services.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services, local departments of social services

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.