

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2208-H1

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

**2. Patron:** Brewer

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**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 whole or half blood, 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 blood relatives, 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.