

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB715

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: McClellan

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: TANF; feminine hygiene products.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Social Services to provide monthly payments for feminine hygiene products in the amount of \$10 to each female who is at least 10 years of age but not older than 55 years of age and is considered part of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) public assistance unit. The bill also allows such payments to be made to females who are younger than 10 years of age or older than 55 years of age upon written certification by a licensed physician that the female has a need for feminine hygiene products.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	-	-
2021	\$132,240	General fund
	\$2,054,160	Nongeneral funds
2022	\$132,240	General fund
	\$1,934,160	Nongeneral funds
2023	\$132,240	General fund
	\$1,934,160	Nongeneral funds
2024	\$132,240	General fund
	\$1,934,160	Nongeneral funds
2025	\$132,240	General fund
	\$1,934,160	Nongeneral funds
2026	\$132,240	General fund
	\$1,934,160	Nongeneral funds

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation will provide a monthly cash benefit increase to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and TANF Unemployed Parents (UP) families who have female members meeting the eligibility criteria required by the bill. In December 2019, there were 24,186 females receiving cash assistance benefits. Of that

number, 16,004 are between the ages of 10 and 55 and deemed eligible to receive the additional \$10 monthly benefit for feminine hygiene products. There are currently 2,353 females between the ages of 8 and 10 years and 78 females older than 55 years receiving cash assistance benefits. It is assumed that half of that population, or 1,216 $([2,353 + 78] * .50)$ individuals, will seek written certification by a licensed physician in order to receive the benefit, as well. Therefore, the total number of females who will receive the additional monthly payment is estimated to be 17,220 $(16,004 + 1,216)$. As a result of this legislation, an annual increase in cash assistance benefits totaling \$2,066,400 $(17,220 \times \$10 \times 12)$ is necessary.

Additionally, one-time costs of \$120,000 NGF in FY 2021 will be necessary for modifications to the Virginia Case Management System (VaCMS) for functionality enhancements.

Therefore, the total cost of this legislation is \$2,186,400 (\$2,054,160 nongeneral funds and \$132,240 general fund) in FY 2021 and \$2,066,400 (\$1,934,160 nongeneral funds and \$132,240 general fund) in FY 2022 and each year thereafter.

The general fund portion of this request is for the estimated number of females who would be eligible to receive the benefit under the state funded Unemployed Parent (UP) program, as changes made to the TANF program are also applied to the UP program.

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.