

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1866H1

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

2. Patron: Delaney

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Court-appointed special advocates; information sharing.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation permits court-appointed special advocates to participate in and share information with family partnership meetings, as defined by the Department of Social Services, and in meetings of family assessment and planning teams (established pursuant to § 2.2-5205), multidisciplinary child sexual abuse response teams (established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.5), individualized education program teams (established pursuant to Article 2 (§ 22.1-213 et seq.) of Chapter 13 of Title 22.1), and multidisciplinary teams (established pursuant to § 63.2-1503 and §63.2-1505). The proposed legislation also creates an exemption for the sharing of information which a court appointed advocate may become privy, which is otherwise confidential, when participating in one of the aforementioned meetings and teams.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8 below).

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Department of Social Services do not anticipate a fiscal impact statement as a result of the proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Department of Social Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.