

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2023 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1624

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Ballard

**3. Committee:** Committee Referral Pending

**4. Title:** Department of Veterans Services; mental health and rehabilitative services; Military Spouse Liaison.

**5. Summary:** Currently, the Department Veterans Services (DVS), in cooperation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) and the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DAR), have a program to monitor and coordinate mental health and rehabilitative services support for Virginia veterans and members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia residents in the Armed Forces Reserves not in active federal service. The proposed bill adds military service members transitioning from military to civilian life and their families' members to the list of persons supported by the program. It also requires DVS to include the results of the program in the annual report, including the number of transition service members, their families, and information about services. The amendment also requires an overview of the activities of the Military Spouse Liaison, including any legislative recommendations on or before December 1, of each year.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Veterans Services (DVS), the proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on agency operations. According to DBHDS and DAR, the bill as amended is not expected to have a fiscal impact on agency operations.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Veterans Services, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.